



THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

BENGALURU • FRIDAY • JUNE 04, 2021 • ₹7.00 • PAGES 30 • LATE CITY EDITION



READ SHARE FOLLOW
newindianexpress.com
facebook.com/newindianexpress
twitter.com/newindianexpress
instagram.com/newindianexpress



'GAUTAM GAMBHIR FOUNDATION' HOARDED COVID DRUG FABIFLU

Delhi govt's drug controller told the Delhi HC that the Foundation bought and distributed the Covid medicine without a licence

CAUSED INCONVENIENCE TO PATIENTS: DELHI HC

The HC was hearing a PIL alleging politicians procure huge quantities of Covid drugs even as patients were running from pillar to post to get them. The bench noted that while the BJP MP did a lot of charity, he also caused inconvenience to patients. The HC directed that action be taken against the Foundation as well as others who made unauthorised sales

AAP MLA, TOO, GUILTY OF SIMILAR OFFENCE

The court, however, ordered that no action be taken against those purchasing drugs on the black market out of desperation
■ AAP MLA Praveen Kumar has also been found guilty for similar offences under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and action will be taken against him, the court was informed

2,628

STRIPS OF FABIFLU WERE BOUGHT USING A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION

Lockdown now till June 14, more sectors to get relief

CM announces additional Rs 500 crore for weavers, ASHA workers

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Thursday announced an extension of the lockdown in the state by one week. At a press conference, Yediyurappa said the existing restrictions will continue to remain in place till 6 am on June 14, effectively extending the lockdown by a week.

In addition, he also announced additional schemes under the economic relief package. Cash incentives for fishermen, weavers, Anganwadi workers, teachers, priests and clerics, etc, electricity bill subsidies for MSMEs and other industries have been announced at an estimated cost of Rs 500 crore, the CM announced.

"Fresh Covid-19 cases have reduced, but the infection rate is still high. As per experts' advice, it has been decided to extend the current lockdown by a week," the CM said, reiterating that the regulations along with all addendums will continue.

On Wednesday the State Government had passed an order allowing export-oriented units to function at 50 per cent capacity. "In my opinion, if the test



Traffic Police personnel keep an eye on motorists to catch those who venture out without valid documents during the lockdown in Bengaluru, on Thursday | SHIRAM B

KARNATAKA	JUNE 2	JUNE 3
Fresh cases	16,387	18,324
Recoveries	21,199	24,036
Deaths	463	514

positivity rate reduces to under 5 per cent, we will withdraw all restrictions and lift the lockdown, but people have to cooperate," the CM added, urging people to adhere to guidelines for another week.

Following requests from various quarters as well as demands from the opposition, the Karnataka Government added a few more financial assistance schemes to help those affected

by the lockdown. The new announcements come in addition to the Rs 1,250 crore economic package that was announced in May. "An additional Rs 500 crore package is being announced today. Assistance of Rs 3,000 to weavers in power looms with a cap of two persons will be given at an estimated cost of Rs 35 crore. Registered and unorganised sector workers in the film and televisual industry will receive Rs 3,000 per person as aid. The scheme is expected to benefit 22,000 workers at a cost of Rs 6.6 crore," Yediyurappa said.

CONTINUED ON: P4

WIDENING RELIEF NET



- ₹3,000 for powerloom weavers (cap of two persons per powerloom)
- ₹3,000 for unorganised, but registered workers in films, televisuals
- ₹3,000 for fishermen registered under Centre's savings-cum-relief scheme
- ₹3,000 for inland boat owners
- ₹3,000 for priests and temple staff of C-category temples under Muzrai Dept; for clerics and staff at madrasas
- ₹3,000 for ASHA workers
- ₹2,000 for anganwadi workers and helpers
- ₹5,000 for teachers of unaided schools
- Half kg milk powder in June and July for school kids as part of midday meal kit
- ₹5 crore for advocates' welfare fund
- Waiver of fixed charges on electricity for MSMEs for May and June
- Extension for payment of electricity bills for non-MSME industries till July

NATIONWIDE	JUNE 2	JUNE 3
Fresh cases	1,32,788	1,34,154
Recoveries	2,31,456	2,11,499
Deaths	3,207	2,887

JAB-O-METER	June 2	June 3
TAKE YOUR SHOT	22,45,112 doses	26,24,971 doses
TOTAL DOSES	22,37,27,632	

Services activity shrinks to 8-month low in May

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

ACTIVITY in India's services sector, which contributes the most to the country's economy, contracted in May as reintroduction of Covid restrictions across the country dented demand, a monthly survey said on Thursday.

The Nikkei/IHS Markit Services Purchasing Managers' Index fell to an eight-month low of 46.4 in May from 54.0 in April, sliding below the 50-level by a big margin. An index below 50 means contraction.

The dismal performance of the services sector, the worst in eight months, was accentuated by a drastic fall in new business orders, which forced companies to cut jobs at the fastest pace since October.

Despite active Covid cases falling, localised lockdowns in many states have kept the services activities low.

"While PMI data released at the start of the month

showed that the manufacturing industry managed to keep its head above water in May, the services sector struggled as the pandemic escalated," noted Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at IHS Markit. "The intensification of the Covid-19 crisis and associated restrictions suppressed domestic and international demand for Indian services," she added.

The survey highlighted that the overall demand contracted at the sharpest rate since August with foreign demand shrinking at the fastest pace since November.

A disturbing finding of the survey was that services companies are pessimistic about this quarter's growth prospects as many firms intensified job cuttings. Decline in business expectation, according to the survey, may force firms to cut jobs further in the coming months.

Last year also, the services sector had pushed thousands of people out of work.

HIGH DEMAND FOR MGNREGA WORK

Demand for work under the rural job scheme has shot up in the past two months, data from the MGNREGA portal show. In March, 3.36 crore people opted for rural work; this zoomed to 3.52 crore in May and 3.61 cr in April | P12

SC quashes sedition case against Dua

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday quashed a sedition case against senior journalist Vinod Dua filed in Himachal Pradesh, saying a citizen has a right to criticise or comment upon measures taken by a government and its functionaries so long as he does not incite people to indulge in violence or create public disorder.

The verdict comes days after another SC bench decided to examine the interpretation of sedition law, particularly on media rights and free speech.

Sedition charges were slapped on Dua last year following his talk show criticising the Modi government's handling of the Covid lockdown. But a bench led by Justice U U Lalit noted that Dua's statements could at best be termed as disapprobation of actions of the government so as to get the situation addressed quickly.

"They were certainly not made with the intent to incite people... The petitioner was within the permissible limits laid down in the decision of this court in Kedar Nath Singh. It may be that certain factual details... were not completely correct...", the bench said. P9

EXPRESS READ

Manipal acquires Vikram Hospital

Bengaluru: In its second major acquisition this year, the Manipal Hospitals on Thursday announced the acquisition of Bengaluru-based Vikram Hospital for ₹350 crore. | P12

Bharat Biotech gets nod for vax production

Bengaluru: Bharat Biotech on Thursday got approval from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to start Covaxin production at the Bharat Biovet unit in Malur, near Bengaluru. | P4

Mysuru city corporation chief quits, blames DC

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

HIGH drama was witnessed in the city on Thursday when Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shilpa Nag called an emergency press conference to announce her resignation, while accusing Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri of harassment and highhandedness. However, the latter has denied the charges.

Though the running feud between the DC and the Corporation commissioner was known in official circles, Shilpa's decision to announce her resignation caught the city administration and the citizens off guard. Shilpa Nag, a 2014 batch IAS officer and a native of Hassan, stole the limelight by setting up the Covid Mitra with the help of volunteers, introducing triaging and tele-consultation services alongside preparing for the third wave.



Shilpa Nag announces her resignation in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYSHANKAR S

In tears, Shilpa read out her resignation letter, addressed to Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar. She alleged that the DC has waged a war against the City Corporation that has hurt her and also her subordinates. Only two wards in Mysuru City Corporation were in the Red zone, whereas the DC has given a report that all wards in Mysuru City are red, which sent a wrong signal against the Corporation, the Commissioner, officers and also elected representatives, hurting their morale, she said. P5

ADVANCE PAYMENT TO BLOCK 30 CRORE BIOLOGICAL E DOSES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Thursday announced advance payment of ₹1,500 crore to Hyderabad-based vaccine maker Biological E for procuring its Covid vaccine, still under phase 3 clinical trials, marking its first such deal.

The government had entered into purchase agreements with Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech only after their shots had received regulatory approvals.

The advance payment is to secure 30 crore doses of the vaccine candidate, which is a foreign construct, being produced in India.

The candidate consists of an antigen developed by Texas Children's Hospital Centre for Vaccine Development, in-licensed from BCM Ventures, Baylor College of Medicine's integrated commercialization team, along with Dynavax Technologies — all in the US.

The Centre said the vaccine candidate is currently undergoing phase 3 clinical trials after showing promising results in phases 1 and 2, whose details are yet to be published in a peer reviewed scientific journal. The vaccine, based on RBD protein subunit — had been tested in about 360 people between November and April in early-stage trials and has got approvals for late-stage trials in 1,288 volunteers in the 18-80 age group.

BOARD EXAMS STATE'S DECISION TODAY

Students and parents have been demanding that the Class 10 and 12 board exams should be cancelled this year as done by a few other states | P2

Kannada search reference raises online storm

ASHWINI M SRIPAD & ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@ Bengaluru, Hubballi

KANNADIGAS in the state, across the country and even overseas, were in for a rude shock on Thursday when they found out that a search for the "ugliest language in India" on the popular search engine Google was throwing up the name of Kannada.

Word spread quickly on different social media platforms and

cyber warriors got busy, reporting the search result as 'hateful, racist or offensive' on the page. Netizens slammed Google and Sundar Pichai, the CEO of its parent company Alphabet, demanding an apology and to remove it from the search. The Karnataka Government too went to extent warning the internet giant of legal action.

Non-Kannadigas too joined in saying that a language spoken by more than 43 million across the globe cannot be

termed so and demanded that the search engine look into the issue. Many people posted on social media about the history of the language and how Kannada writers had made immense contributions to literature. Some YouTubers also came up with videos about the importance of the language.

After facing severe backlash through the day, the search engine removed the reference by evening. Late on Thursday, Google India even put out an apology. CONTINUED ON: P2

43 million speakers

Spoken by about 43 million people, Kannada is a Scheduled Language in India and has history dating back to earlier than the 5th century. It is also listed among the classical languages.

CREATING THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE...

ADMISSIONS OPEN FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022

APPLY NOW

www.jssuni.edu.in



Dental*

- BDS

Fellowship

- Psychosexual Medicine
- Pain Medicine
- Neonatology

B.Sc.

(Allied Health Sciences)

- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Medical Imaging Technology
- Anaesthesia & Operation Theatre Technology
- Renal Dialysis Technology
- Respiratory Care Technology
- Cardiac Care Technology
- Perfusion Technology
- Emergency Medicine
- Optometry
- Physician Assistant (CTVS)
- Forensic Science
- Medical Genetics
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT)

M.Sc. / MPH / M.Phil

(Biomedical / Medical Sciences)

- Medical Microbiology
- Medical Biochemistry
- Medical Physiology
- Medical Anatomy
- Medical Pharmacology
- Medical Genetics & Genomics
- Clinical Embryology
- Clinical Psychology
- Forensic Odontology
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- M. Phil Psychiatric Social Work
- M. Phil Clinical Psychology

Pharmacy

- B.Pharm
- II B.Pharm (Lateral Entry)
- D Pharm
- B Pharm Practice
- Pharm D
- Pharm D (PB)
- M.Pharm
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance
- Regulatory Affairs
- Industrial Pharmacy
- Pharmacy Practice
- Pharmacology
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Pharmaceutical Analysis
- Pharmacognosy
- Pharmaceutical Biotechnology

M.Sc. Life Sciences & Natural Sciences

- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Environmental Science
- Geoinformatics
- Nanoscience & Technology
- Nutrition & Dietetics
- Molecular Biology
- Biochemistry
- Microbiology
- Medical Statistics
- Bioinformatics
- Cosmetic Science
- Sports Nutrition & Management
- Medical Physics
- P.G Diploma - Tissue Culture

Yoga

- B.Sc. in Yoga
- M.Sc. in Yoga
- Yoga Teachers Course (YTC) (3 months)

B.Sc. Life Sciences & Natural Sciences

- Biotechnology
- Microbiology
- Environmental Science
- Food, Nutrition & Dietetics
- Psychology
- Biochemistry

Dental Diploma

- Diploma in Dental Mechatronics
- DORA - Dental Operating Room Assistant

Health System Management Studies

- BBA in Hospital & Health System Management
- MBA in Hospital Administration
- MBA in Pharmacy Administration

Open Distance Learning

- M.Sc in Environmental Sciences
- P.G Diploma in Environment, Health & Safety Management
- Diploma in Tissue Culture
- Certificate Program - Statistical Methods & Research Methodology

Online Programs

- MBA in Hospital Administration
- PG Diploma in Bioinformatics
- Diploma in
- Pharmaceutical Quality Control
- Pharmacovigilance

Ph.D.

- Medicine / Dentistry / Pharmacy / Management / Life Sciences & Natural Sciences / Biomedical Sciences

*NOTE : The guidance will be given for UG Dental (BDS) admissions 2021. Candidates may apply to NEET UG 2021 entrance test & for online counselling & seat allotment to JSS Dental College & Hospital, Mysore apply at Medical Counselling Committee (MCC)
@ W : www.mcc.nic.in .For more guidance please register @ W : www.jssuni.edu.in

JSS ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH

Sri Shivarathreshwara Nagar, Bannimantap, Mysuru - 570 015, Karnataka, India. | T: +91 9980841859 / 0821-2548416
F: +91-821-2548394 | E: admissions@jssuni.edu.in | W: www.jssuni.edu.in | FB: www.fb.com/jssuniversity

Education minister to decide on exams today

Expert says holding the exercise will also cause difficulty in evaluation process, which will need to be decentralised

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

AFTER a feedback mechanism was put in place to weigh the pros and cons, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar has decided to make an announcement regarding SSLC and PU examinations, at 10am Friday.

"These are just qualifying exams which give certificates to students, marks and grades are not a concern. Colleges, anyway, have their own mechanism such as entrance exams for various courses," said educationist Nirajanaradhya VP, who had put forth recommendations to the government.

As for evaluation, he said it was optimal if SSLC students were marked based on their Class VII-X performance, which includes final exams of the first two non-Covid years, and unit tests held for Class X during 2020-21.

Proposals before govt
The Department of Pre-University Education has proposed cancellation of exams as one of the alternatives, as per officials. In this case, modalities of marking/evaluating students will have to be discussed. Another alternative is to hold exams, but for just 50 marks in the regular pattern.

Hundreds of SSLC and second PU students participated in a slogan protest on Thursday against holding exams.

"Taking into consideration the health and educational well-being of the students, states like Maharashtra, Goa, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and several others have cancelled examinations this year. But the grave silence of the Karnataka government has created tremendous anxiety among students and

parents," said the students' organisation AIDS, which spearheaded the protest.

Ninge Gowda AH, president, Karnataka State Pre-University College Lecturers' Association, also told TNIE that with BJP-ruled states declaring cancellation of Class XII board exams, a similar decision by the state seems likely.

Holding exams would also cause difficulty in the evaluation process, which would have to be decentralised, he said, adding that during 2019-20, evaluation took up to 54 days. "Unit test marks, mid-term exams and last year's results can be considered a criteria for marking," he added.

However, SSLC students have not been evaluated this year and there are demands for it to be held, as per sources privy to the developments.

These are just qualifying exams which give certificates to students, marks and grades are not a concern. Colleges, anyway, have their own mechanism such as entrance exams for various courses

Nirajanaradhya VP, Educationist



Schools may reopen on July 1

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

WHILE the focus of the education department remains on holding board examinations, officials are still working out the reopening schedule for the next academic year.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar had announced that the academic year will begin for primary and high schools on June 15. Now, with the state announcing an extension of the lockdown, the schedule seems doubtful.

As per sources, the department is also contemplating a July 1 reopening. A proposal with two options for reopening has been sent to the government -- June 15 and July 1. Approval from the government is awaited. The

Vidyagama programme, which was devised for the previous year, too looks unlikely, sources said. Educationist Nirajanaradhya VP said that schools should open in a staggered

manner, and classes on alternate days would be a more structured approach. Last year, Vidyagama was criticised for its unsatisfactory implementation, with teachers and students holding classes outdoors, which is not a congenial atmosphere, with passers-by always a hindrance to smooth conduct of classes. Keeping an eye on the unstructured programme was also a hurdle, as cases were reported about students gathering in large groups.

"Considering that most people should be vaccinated in the coming days, Vidyagama is not needed. The department needs to have multiple alternative plans to start schooling," Nirajanaradhya added.

In case classes start on July 1, teachers should be called in for an orientation as the academic year will not be of the same nature as earlier.

Should classes start by June 15, the department is looking at options such as online classes, YouTube and tele-casting classes on Doordarshan. A policy is being finalised, following discussion with a round of experts.

"Schedule for resumption of classes should follow the minister's decision on exams," said another source.

28.6% OF POPULATION IN CITY VACCINATED: SUDHAKAR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru



The state has conducted three crore tests since the beginning of the pandemic with 196 ICMR-approved labs across the state, more than 82 per cent of the tests conducted are RT-PCR

Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

BENGALURU'S Covid-19 vaccination coverage is one of the highest among major cities in the country with more than 28.3 lakh people inoculated with at least one dose, tweeted Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Thursday.

Dr Sudhakar further said that 28.6 per cent of the city's population (99,00,000) has been vaccinated.

Two other cities ahead of Bengaluru are Chennai -- which has vaccinated 33.1 per cent of its 46,20,000 residents -- and Kolkata -- which has vaccinated 32.2 per cent of 45,00,000 people. Bengaluru is followed by Gautam Buddh Nagar in Uttar Pradesh (28.3 per cent of the 1,87,10,922 population), Indore (27.8 per cent of 36,45,000) and Ahmedabad (26.1 per cent of 75,00,000).

Apart from this, more than 58.71 lakh doses of Covid-19 vaccines will be supplied to Karnataka in June, including 45 lakh doses from the Union Government and 13.7 lakh doses procured directly by the State Government. The free supply from the Centre for June includes 37,60,610 doses of Covishield and 7,40,190 doses of Covaxin. The direct procurement from the state includes 10,86,080 doses of Covishield and 2,84,760 doses of Covaxin.

Dr Sudhakar also took to social media to inform that the State has conducted three crore tests since the beginning of the pandemic. With 196 ICMR-approved labs across the state, more than 82 per cent of the tests conducted in Karnataka are RT-PCR, he added.

Rain check: No clogged drains, no flooding, CM to officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

MONSOON TO ENTER K'TAKA BY JUNE 5

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), the South-West monsoon will enter interior Karnataka and Bengaluru in another two days. IMD- Bengaluru, Director in-charge, C S Patil, said the forecast is normal and added that interior parts of Karnataka will receive rain for the next three days. The normal rainfall for Bengaluru is 471 mm and for Karnataka, it is 852 mm.

They should also have skilled labourers with all equipment to handle any flood-related situation or in case of fallen trees. Ensure that all lakes, storm water drains and rajakaluves are desilted

B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

lakes, storm water drains and rajakaluves are desilted," the CM directed the officials.

The BBMP officials present at the meeting said that there are 209 flood-prone areas in Bengaluru, of which 58 are highly flood-prone and 151 are lesser prone. They also informed the CM that redevelopment of 440 km of storm water drain walls has been completed, which will ensure there is no flooding in surrounding areas.

The CM also directed the BBMP to ensure that after each flash rainfall, all the rain water is cleared out and garbage doesn't clog any water inlet.

At the meeting, the officials also confessed that the network of drains, lakes and diversion channels has not yet been assessed in length due to the prevailing pandemic. They admitted that this was required to ensure that flooding does not happen.

After outcry, Google puts out apology

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

APOLOGISING for the reference, Google said, "Search isn't always perfect. Sometimes, the way content is described on the internet can yield surprising results to specific queries. We know this is not ideal. But we take swift corrective action when we are made aware of an issue and we are continually working to improve our algorithms. Naturally these are not reflective of the opinions of Google and we apologise for the misunderstanding and hurting any sentiments."

Earlier, speaking to The New Indian Express, Kannada Development Authority (KDA) chairman T S Nagabharana said whoever may have done it, either purposely or mischievously, Google, though just a facilitator, has a responsibility to block such posts. No language can be termed ugly, he added.

Nagabharana said the Department of Information Technology had sent a message to the Google authorities in Gurugram as well as in Bengaluru. "They have obliged and if they do not remove it by Friday, we will send a legal notice," he warned. However, by evening, the page was removed.

Kannada and Culture Minister Aravind Limbavali, condemning the incident, said he has directed the officials to send a legal notice to Google. He said Kannada has its own culture and history and is listed as a classical language. "We will not tolerate any such posts," he warned.

Other elected representatives also took up the issue. BJP MP from Bengaluru Central P C Mohan, posted on Twitter, "Home to the great Vijayanagara Empire, #Kannada language has a rich heritage, a glorious legacy and a unique culture. Kannada had great scholars who wrote epics much before Geoffrey Chaucer was born in the 14th century. Apologise."

Former CM H D Kumaraswamy too expressed anguish. "Why can't Google have some mechanism to regulate such fake posts? Every language is beautiful, there is sentiment behind every language. Now the web link might have been deleted, but who will be held responsible for the pain Kannadigas have gone through," he questioned.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th June: We are now certain that there were once huge oceans on Mars, one of our near-space neighbours. We don't know when they disappeared from the surface, but the suspicion remains that there are huge lakes hidden from our view. If we could tap such a resource, it would surely help us enormously in our quest to explore the stars. I can't wait!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You know full well that it is within your power to determine the outcome of financial negotiations and discussions. There's something that's still not entirely clear, though. Perhaps there of a female associate has yet to be established -- you don't quite know where you stand.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Current as biological trends offer you a marvellous opportunity to face up to awkward or highly emotional situations. Acknowledge partners' complaints and criticisms in the knowledge that you have got what it takes to put them right. You must believe in yourself.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You are now entering a phase in which you may reasonably allow situations to take their own course. However, as far as specifically financial affairs are concerned, you must be careful not to let events run out of your control, especially at this delicate stage.

CANCER (June 22 - July 21)

You're still on top of events, but your best bet at the moment is to occupy your time in such a manner that you cannot be forced to accept unsatisfactory conditions. Keep a close watch on financial affairs later in the day and make sure that nobody pulls the wool over your eyes.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

This is likely to be a crucial period as far as both career and domestic hopes are concerned. Family pressures which have surfaced recently may go back a long way. Now you have the opportunity to tackle these entrenched, long-term issues and deal with partners who have dug their heels in.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

The current Pluto alignment indicates that an emotional or family tie is quite clearly giving you some cause for concern just now. However, a solution lies well within your grasp and it is therefore in your interests to be placatory; it's easy when you know how!

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

In a matter of days a number of pieces of the jigsaw will fit into place. Yet first you may have to endure a certain amount of aggravation from partners who still don't believe you are up to the job. It's true, though, that you may have to smarten up your act.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Mercury's relationship with your sign suggests that you have probably become accustomed to harsh words and heavy demands, especially when discussing personal questions. All the relevant issues must now be brought to the surface. And sooner rather than later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

There really seems to be little point in arguing or apportioning blame over a career matter. You must see that there is much good sense in what other people have to say, and you will reject good advice at your peril. It's time to listen, and to bide your time.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Partners and close associates have really been remarkably willing to compromise when you have thought about it. You have only as short time left to reach a firm agreement before you again run into stiff opposition. Oh, and keep an eye on legal irritations.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Recent statements have undoubtedly been an eye-opener, and you now have the perfect opportunity to pull a number of different emotional strands together. Close friends will appreciate your new, fresh approach. It makes a change from partners complaining that you are upsetting their plans!

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Others may well be plausible and convincing, yet it now seems rather unlikely that you will derive much benefit by changing the pattern of your life either at home or at work. Such changes require great deal more thought, at least for the next few weeks.

THE PHANTOM



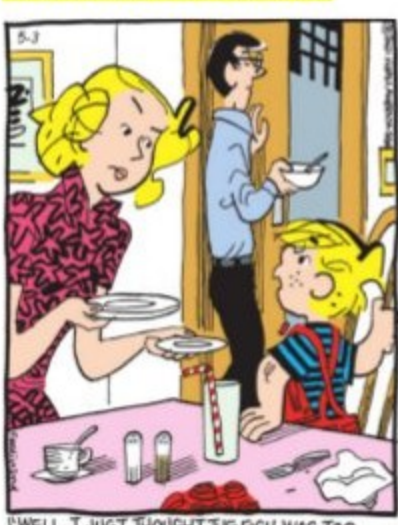
BEETLE BAILEY



LOCKHORNS



DENNIS THE MENACE



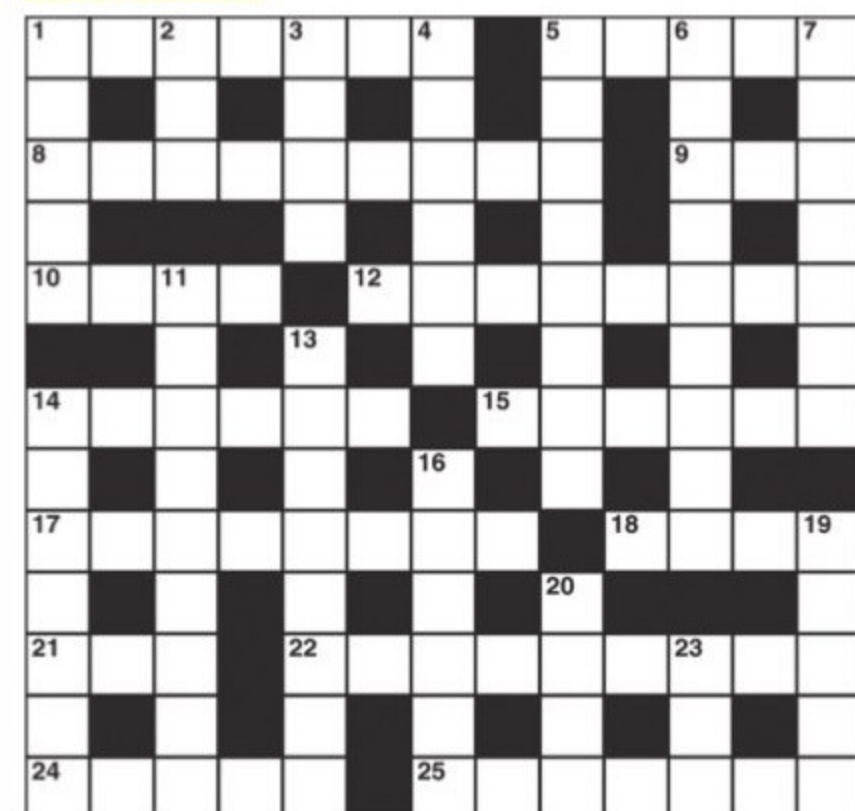
HI AND LOIS



BLONDIE



CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- Fail to catch or accidentally disclose (3,4)
- Rock involved in uncertain tussle (5)
- Joy ride? (9)
- Bill and Ben's return (3)
- Put four suits in a case (4)
- Complete cancellation of a golf match? (5,3)
- He is upset by denial (6)
- Damsel distributes awards (6)
- Spider physically exercise (8)
- Turn heads in shock (4)
- Suitable piece of claptrap (3)
- Robin's left-wing; Bert's a revolutionary (9)
- In other words in the pink (5)
- Hide away or gradually let out (7)

DOWN

- Drunk started smoking (3,2)
- One may strain to improve it (3)
- An ill-considered breakout (4)
- It's extremely small and in favour of putting on weight (6)
- Fiance was set upon (8)
- Harmonious character? (9)
- Checks about polishes (7)
- The sort of men that serve behind bars (9)
- Lay assembly? (3,5)
- A spider possibly saved Bruce from it (7)
- A poem's positive points (6)
- Though inert perhaps it is of growing importance (5)
- Not an all-American name (4)
- We are under a feeling of wonder (3)

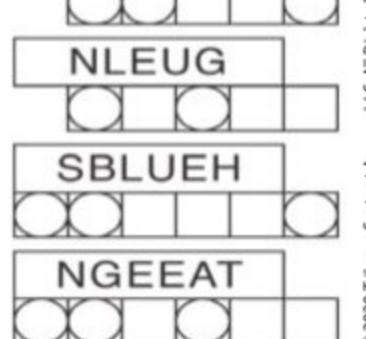
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

- Across: 1. Chow mein, 5. Six, 9. Treat, 10. Spaniel, 11. Lose interest, 13. Lesson, 14. Scored, 17. Run of the mill, 20. Sidecar, 21. Appal, 22. Sash, 23. Needless.
- Down: 2. Cato, 2. Onerous, 3. Matter-of-fact, 4. Insane, 6. Suite, 7. Solitude, 8. Takes command, 12. Florists, 15. Relapse, 16. Chage, 18. Nudes, 19. Alas.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kruk

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ANSWERS TOMORROW
YESTERDAY'S Jumbles: CEASE, TOOTH, RIPLE, PASTOR
ANSWER: The Earth's top and bottom weren't getting along because they were -- POLAR OPPOSITES

Scores high on water and sanitation, banking, innovation; slips on health, gender equality

KARNATAKA UPS RANK IN SUSTAINABLE GOALS, IN FOURTH POSITION

WELFARE TARGETS

Access to drinking water: While the national target is to provide access to improved source of drinking water to all, Ten states, including Karnataka, have achieved the target.

Households with a bank account: 99.99 per cent of the targeted households have been covered by bank accounts, as of 2020. Only eight states, including Karnataka, fall short of achieving the target.

Innovation: Karnataka ranked first with a score of 42.5, followed by Maharashtra (38) and Tamil Nadu (37.91). Mobile density is over 100 per cent in 11 states, including Karnataka.

GREY AREAS TOO

Health sector: Physicians, nurses and mid-wives per 10,000 population reduced from 72 last year to 70 this year.

Gender equality: Sex ratio at birth was 929 last year to 924 this year.

Clean water and sanitation: Schools with separate toilet facility for girls reduced from 97.4% to 95.64%, industries complying with CPCB waste water treatment norms dropped from 93.26% to 87.71%. Population below poverty line remained unchanged at 29.91 pc.



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA has moved up from sixth to fourth place in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21, released by NITI Aayog on Thursday, with an increase in the overall score to 72, from 66 last year. Karnataka and other states that got scores between 66 and 99 have been categorised as 'Front Runners'. Kerala retained its rank as the top state.

"Karnataka has moved up in the SDG India Index 2020-21. Let's continue with our efforts on the path of sustainability, resilience and partnerships for change to achieve global goals," Deputy Chief Minister Dr Ashwath Narayan stated.

Minister for Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics KC Narayana Gowda said the state had shown improved performance on all parameters. The SDG goals include Quality Education, No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Reduce Inequalities and Sustainable

Cities and Communities.

Citing the report, Gowda said Karnataka is close to achieving the global target of zero HIV incidence. "HIV incidence per 1,000 uninfected population is estimated to have declined from 0.07 in 2017 to 0.05 in 2019. At 0.02, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala are closest to achieving the global target of zero HIV incidence. Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh lead among the UTs with HIV incidence as low as 0.02 per 1,000 uninfected people," the report stated.

The report also stated that Karnataka is close to achieving the target of 99.9 per cent institutional deliveries. On enrolment ratio in elementary education, Karnataka has achieved the target of 100 per cent enrolment at the elementary level, the report stated.

Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra lead the country in generation of power from renewable energy. As of November 2020, installed capacity of grid interactive bio-power per 10 lakh population in India is 7.62 MW and Karnataka has the highest at 28.4 MW, while Arunachal Pradesh has the lowest.

Gowda said they have set up a special unit in coordination with UNDP, to ensure the state meets all SDG goals. "We have the target to reach the top spot," the minister added.

No cabinet reshuffle plans, clarifies BSY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SHOOTING down murmurs of a cabinet reshuffle, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Thursday said no such proposal was before the government. Responding to questions by reporters on political developments in Karnataka, following Forest and Ecology Minister CP Yogeshwara's public jibes against the Chief Minister and his son B Y Vijayendra, Yediyurappa said cabinet reshuffle murmurs were mere speculation.

"There is no such development. This is mere speculation. There is no such thought or indication from the Central leadership. If they do indicate the

need for change, we will take action," Yediyurappa said reluctantly, not wanting to engage further on the topic.

Murmurs of a cabinet reshuffle surfaced after close to 20 MLAs visited Yediyurappa last Sunday, and urged for Yogeshwara's expulsion from the cabinet. Chief Minister's political secretary MP Renukacharya publicly abused Yogeshwara, and demanded his ouster. Following this, Yogeshwara has been doing the rounds of Vokkaliga mutts to gather support and backing, fearing repercussions. Sources in the BJP suggest that while many changes are in the pipeline, negotiations are under way.

Even as Yediyurappa insisted that a cabinet reshuffle was not



his office insisted that the meeting was a mere courtesy call, since Vijayendra was in New Delhi, and the two leaders discussed the Covid-19 'Seva hi Sanghatan' campaign, organised by the BJP.

Sources suggested the meeting was also to discuss the unfolding political drama in Karnataka. Yogeshwara's comments, KS Eshwarappa's letter and public criticism of CM Yediyurappa by a few party cadres was highlighted. The Central leadership has been requested to rein in those crossing the line in public. Others from within the party suggested that the meeting was part of a long-drawn negotiation process for power transition in the State.

on the cards, and refused to entertain questions on possible leadership change, Vijayendra shared photos of his meeting with BJP National President JP Nadda on Thursday. The move appears to be an attempt to send across a message to baiters that he has the ear of the Central leadership. While

HC seeks details of vax for vulnerable sections

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the state government to submit details of steps taken by it and the BBMP to persuade slum-dwellers and those from vulnerable sections to get vaccinated for Covid.

A special division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar also directed the state government and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to submit details of the special drive to vaccinate health workers, frontline workers, their immediate family members and priority groups.

Noting that it is not going to deal with the issue of supply of vaccines as the Supreme Court is seized of the matter, the court said that it has passed an order on March 25 with regard to special efforts to be made by the state government and its departments to persuade vulnerable sections to get vaccinated. The state and the BBMP should consider taking the help of NGOs to do this, the court added.

The court also directed the Centre to modify the guidelines to consider the disability certificate of the disabled instead of identity card for vaccination on priority. The details of numbers of total disabled persons in the state and number of disabled who have been vaccinated should be submitted, it told the state government.



The state and the BBMP should submit details of the special drive to vaccinate health workers, frontline workers, their immediate family members and priority groups High Court

Relief for turf clubs as CGST rule to levy tax struck down

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday struck down Rule 31A(3) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, which makes turf clubs liable to pay Goods and Services Tax (GST) on the entire bet amount received by the totaliser.

Justice M Nagaprassanna struck down sub-rule (3) which was inserted with Rule 31-A, by issuing a notification on January 23, 2018, as it is ultra vires the provisions of the CGST Act. Allowing petitions filed by Bangalore Turf Club and Mysore Race Club Limited questioning the rule, the court said the petitioners should be entitled to all consequential benefits that flow from the aforesaid orders.

"Sub rule (3) declares the value of supply of actionable claim in the form of chance to win in betting, gambling or horse racing in a race club shall be at 100% face value of the bet or the amount paid into the totaliser... Making the entire bet amount that is received by the totaliser liable for payment of GST would take away the principle that a tax can be only on the basis of consideration even under the CGST," the court said.

The petitioners have contended that Rule 31A (3) violates Article 246A, which introduced Goods and Services Act, 2017, read with Article 366 (12A) and exceeds the constitutional mandate given to Parliament and legislature to levy tax only on the principle that if there is no supply there is no tax.

HELPLINE

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

For subscriptions & Supply related complaints

Call/ WhatsApp

9886143555

7 AM - 4 PM MONDAY TO SATURDAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients Mr. Potharaju Radha Madhav, S/o. P.V. Raghunatha Rao and Ms. Janapati Srivalli Nischala, W/o. Potharaju Radha Madhav are willing to enter into an Agreement of Sale and thereafter registered Sale Deed to purchase the schedule property from Mr. Bagli Maruthi @ V. Maruthi, S/o. Basavaraj V, the owner who is in possession of the schedule property. Anybody who has any objection, right, interest, title or alienation right over the schedule property may contact the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this Public Notice.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
(Description of Entire Property)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing BDA site no. 63/B1, 63/B2, new municipal no. 63/B-1, 63/B-2/12, PID no. 11-52, 63/B-1, 63/B-2/12, in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 2nd main Road, industrial suburb 2nd stage Rajajinagar (Yeshwanthapur), Bangalore, presently comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Lakshminidevanagar ward, ward no. 42, measuring East to West 18.28 Meters or 60 feet and North to South eastern side 38.50 Meters or 126.3 feet, western side 38.90 Meters or 127.6 feet, totally measuring 707.43 Sq. Meters or 7615 Sq. feet and bounded by:

East by : Site no. 63/A
West by : Western portion of same site no. 63/B1, 63/B2, new no. 63/B1, 63/B2-1
North by : Road
South by : Site no. 63/B3

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
(Undivided interest in Land)

250 Sq.ft. undivided right, title, share and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
(Description of the flat)

All that residential flat bearing no. 106, 3 BHK in First Floor of the apartment building known as "ANJANADRI APARTMENT", with Super Built up area measuring 1220 Sq. Ft., along with one car parking space in the Stilt floor, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use and bounded on to:

East by : Passage and flat no. 101
West by : Open Space
North by : Road
South by : Flat no. 105

Jayavardhan, B.R. Advocate
RSN Associates
No. 116/2-1, 1st Floor, Above Union Bank of India, 11th Cross, Malleshwaram
Bangalore-560 003. Mobile: 9845318426
E-Mail: jayavardhanb@gmail.com

QuoteExpress

WITHOUT HARD WORK, NOTHING GROWS BUT WEEDS

GORDON B HINCKLEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client, Sri K. Venkataraju, S/o. K. Narayana Raju, is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from 1) Sri Nangundappa, S/o. late B. Rudrappa; 2) Sri Byregowda T.R., S/o. late B. Rudrappa; 3) Sri Srinivas T.R., S/o. late B. Rudrappa; 4) Sri Anitha M.S. W/o. late Mahesh T.R. and 5) Sri Ananthkumar T.R., S/o. late B. Rudrappa and others all are residing at no. 103, 'Merudhinia', Tindlu village, Vidyanagar, post, Veishanka Hobli and Taluk, Bengaluru urban district-560 097. Apart from the said owners if any person's has/have any kind of right, title, interest and claim or whatsoever in respect of the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file the objections along with documentary proof within 7 days from the date of this publication to the below referred address. If no objections are received within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that the above referred owners are the absolute owners of the schedule property and there are no other claimants.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural lands bearing Survey No.39/5 (old Sy.No.39) measuring 01 Acre 05 Guntas, Survey No.40/1 (old Sy.No.40) measuring 01 Acre 11 Guntas, Survey No.41/1 measuring 01 Acre 22 Guntas, Survey No.42/2 measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.39 (new Sy.No.39/4) measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.40/2 measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.41/2 (old Sy.No.41) measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.42/3 measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.39/3 measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.40/3 measuring 01 Acre 02 Guntas land, Survey No.41/3 measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.42/4 measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.39/2 measuring 01 Acre, Survey No.40/5 measuring 01 Acre 07 Guntas, Survey No.41/5 measuring 01 Acre 05 Guntas, Survey No.39/1 measuring 01 Acre 10 Guntas, Survey No.40/4 measuring 01 Acre 02 Guntas, Survey No.41/4 measuring 01 Acre and Survey No.42/5 (old Sy.No.42/2) measuring 01 Acre 04 Guntas all are situated at K.G. Devapala Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

BALACHANDRA Y.S., Advocate
113-F, 4-D, 4th Floor, Central Chambers
2nd main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-08.
Contact No: 948240067
Sri. K Venkataraju: 7019625160 / 944802078

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, my client has entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **M/s APPLE SPIRE INDIA LLP**, A Limited Liability Partnership firm, having its registered Office at No.615, 100R Ring Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 085, represented by its authorized designated partners: (i) **SRI. CHINNAPPA NAIDU CHANDRASHEKAR** S/o Sri. Nannuru Chinnappa Naidu and (ii) **SRI. JAYARAM NANNURU** S/o Sri. Nannuru Chinnappa Naidu.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person's have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for this sale transaction, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Municipal No. 3990/3965/363/3900 (Old No.363), Sy.No.276**, measuring 3 Acres, with a building thereon, situated at **Halagevaderahalli Village, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk**, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) ward No.160 (Rajarajeshwari Nagar), Bengaluru and bounded as follows:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.206,
West by : P.W.D. Road
North by : 5th Cross Road,
South by : Remaining portion of land bearing Sy.No.276.

Sd/- **S.F. Goutam Chand**
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560 004.

EXPRESS TRIBUTE

Pay Homage to the departed souls in
The New Indian Express at very special rates

BENGALURU EDITION (Every Day)

BLACK & WHITE ₹100/- per square centimeter
COLOUR ₹125/- per square centimeter

ALL KARNATAKA EDITIONS (Every Day)

BLACK & WHITE ₹150/- per square centimeter
COLOUR ₹200/- per square centimeter

This section is open every day to place
In-memoriam, remembrance, anniversary
advertisements of your dearest and nearest ones.

For booking contact:
Ravi Kumar Mobile: 98865 50650, Office: 080 - 2286 6893

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India

Harohalli (14581) Branch, Kempaiah Building, Opp. KSRTC Bus Stand, B. K. Main Road, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka - 562112, PH. No. 080-27563427
E-mail: bm1458@unionbankofindia.com ;

DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-in connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with Name & Address mentioned here in below had availed following credit facilities from **Union Bank of India, Harohalli (14581) Branch**, offering the property, mentioned here in below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to you demanding the due amount

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:
Mr. M. K. Shivaraj S/o Kariyappa, Janatha Colony, Harohalli Village & Post, Kanakapura Tq, Ramanagara Dist - Pin - 562112. **Co-Applicant: Mrs. Savitha A. S.** W/o Mr. M. K. Shivaraj, Janatha Colony, Harohalli Village & Post, Kanakapura Tq, Ramanagara Dist Pin - 562112

Name of Facility Amount Due

Facility & Account Number	Limit Sanctioned (Rs.)	Applicable Rate of Interest	Running Ledger O/S (Rs.)	Interest payable In Rs.	Total dues 30.04.2021 in (Rs.)
HLPGN 145830100079830	Rs. 6,00,000/-	8.35%	6,25,591.30/-	13,405/-	6,38,996.30/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 30.04.2021, of Rs.6,38,996.30 (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Rupees and Paise Thirty Only) together with interest from 01.05.2021 at contractual rate p.a. with monthly rest

NPA Date: 30.04.2021 Demand Notice Date : 03.05.2021

Description Of The Secured Assets: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Land & Building At Site No. 33, Assessment No.1325, Khaneshumari No.1470 Situated At Harohalli Village & Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara Dist, Ka-562112. Measuring East To West 32 Feet And North To South 39 Feet In All Measuring 1248 Sq.Ft And Bounded By: East By: Site No 40, West By: Site No 28, North By: Site No 34, South By: 12 Feet Road

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 04.06.2021 Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
Place : Harohalli Union Bank of India

QuoteExpress THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED > MARK TWAIN

Jald se jald apne PAN aur Aadhaar Card ko link karna zaroori hai.

Link karne ki aakhari taareekh hai, June 30, 2021.

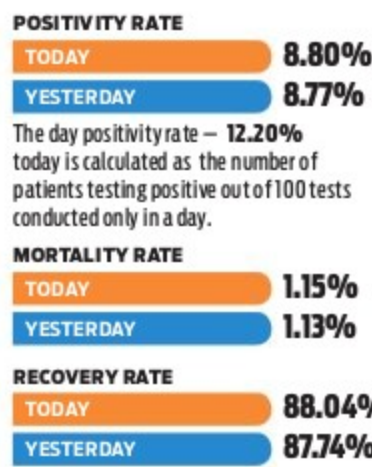
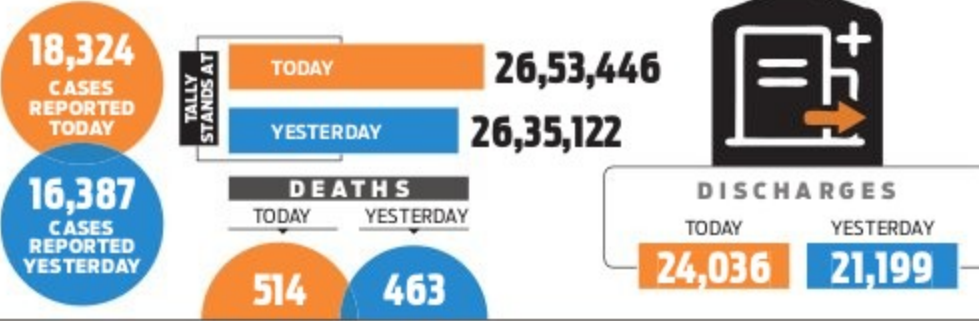
MUTUAL FUNDS Sahi Hai

- Contact your Mutual Fund Distributor or Investment Advisor today
- Visit mutualfundssahihai.com

Follow Mutual Funds Sahi Hai on: [f](https://www.facebook.com/mutualfundssahihai) [i](https://www.instagram.com/mutualfundssahihai) [y](https://www.youtube.com/mutualfundssahihai) [in](https://www.linkedin.com/mutualfundssahihai)

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

TRACKING COVID-19
SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA



The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until June 3, 2021, a total of 26,53,446 cases have been reported in 1 year and 84 days...



VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Number of people completing vaccination	28,06,870
Health care workers 1st dose	7,22,985
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,73,433
Frontline workers 1st dose	6,29,829
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,14,946
Age 18-45 1st dose	14,96,439
Age 18-45 2nd dose	1,846
Above 45 1st dose	86,71,150
Above 45 2nd dose	21.16,645

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES LAST 24 HOURS

3,533 BENGALURU URBAN	Bagalakat: 194	Chamarajanagar: 313	Dakshina Kannada: 598	Hassan: 2,078	Kolar: 317	Raichur: 271	Udupi: 580
760 BENGALURU RURAL	Ballari: 503	Chikkaballapur: 486	Davanagere: 559	Haveri: 146	Koppal: 237	Ramanagara: 62	Uttara Kannada: 588
	Belagavi: 839	Chikkamagaluru: 742	Dharwad: 221	Kalaburagi: 119	Mandya: 623	Shivamogga: 767	Vijayapura: 192
	Bidar: 27	Chitradurga: 379	Gadag: 250	Kodagu: 310	Mysuru: 1,573	Tumakuru: 979	Yadgir: 78

Bharat Biotech bypasses red tape, gets KSPCB nod for vax production

Pharma firm will now produce Covaxin vials from existing Biovet facility at Malur

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

BHARAT Biotech on Thursday got approval from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to start production of Covaxin at the existing Bharat Biovet unit in Malur, near Bengaluru. But it was not without Bharat Biotech having to go through a struggle — withdrawing its first application and filing another afresh to bypass the red tape the earlier application got entangled in. This, despite the urgency of the pandemic-induced crisis requiring fast-tracking of the procedure.

The fast-tracking was instead done by Bharat Biotech on technical grounds, to start production of Covaxin vials at the earliest, from an already operational facility run by its partner firm Bharat Biovet. It currently produces Foot & Mouth Disease vaccines here.

As per documents available with TNIE, KSPCB gave approval for establishing a separate unit to Bharat Biotech on May 21, 2021, based on its first application. But Bharat Biotech withdrew the application and stated that they had



A month ago, an application was filed to set up a new unit. But the file got caught in red tape. Since it is in national interest, we decided to change the application and partner with Bharat Biovet..

Bharat Biotech sources

changed their plan, and entered into an agreement with Biovet to cut the red tape.

The company had earlier ap-

plied under 'orange category' (lesser polluting category) under the fermentation category. But KSPCB officials raised a flag, saying it was a pharma industry, and hence comes under 'red category' (highly polluting category). It is the same category under which Serum Institute of India in Hyderabad got permission. Sputnik-V also got permission from KSPCB to set up a unit in Jigani, Bommasandra, under 'red category' in May.

Sources from Bharat Biotech informed TNIE: "A month ago, an application was filed to set up a new unit. But the file got caught in red tape. Since it is in national interest, we decided to change the application and partner with Bharat Biovet to get permission under the expansion clause."

As per the fresh application, the Biovet facility at Malur will be expanded for Bharat Biotech to start producing Covaxin, and reduce production of Biovet's Footh & Mouth Disease vaccine. KSPCB permitted Bharat Biotech's application to reduce production at Biovet from 50 million vials to 17 million vials, while producing 30 million vi-

als of Covaxin and eight other varieties of vaccines, with production capacity of three million vials per year.

The consent for mixed production has now been given till June 30, 2026.

KSPCB gave permission on the condition that all environmental norms will be adhered to, and drug production should not exceed the said capacity, a government official said.

KSPCB Chairman Brijesh Kumar said: "The revised application was submitted to the regional office in Kolar four days ago. It came to the head office on Wednesday and was signed on Thursday. Environmental clearance from principal secretary, environment, consent for establishment and operation was also given. Following guidelines by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), environmental clearance scrutiny has been relaxed, but not eliminated."

The signed approval will be uploaded on Friday and Bharat Biotech will be allowed to start manufacturing, provided machinery is ready and in place for production of Covaxin.



A health worker collects swab samples of a child in Bengaluru JASHISH KRISHNA HP

Experts: Children falling seriously ill in 3rd wave unlikely

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

AS the second wave of Covid-19 continues to wreak havoc in the country, speculation is rife that the possible third wave will impact children more. Paediatricians and the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP), however, don't seem to agree.

The sero-survey of December 2020-January 2021 showed that the percentage of infected children in the age group of 10-17 was around 25%, which is the same as adults. "This indicates that while children are being infected like adults, they are not contracting the severe form of the disease. It is highly unlikely that the third wave will predominantly or exclusively affect children," the IAP had stated last month, even as it reiterated that it has developed a management protocol for disease categories in kids, and there was no need to panic.

"Children have less expressed ACE2 receptor that results in lesser attachment of the SARS-CoV-2 virus to the respiratory passage. There is no scientific evidence of them falling seriously ill in large numbers in the possible third wave. More children may fall sick if the adults are not vaccinated, and don't follow Covid-19 appropriate behaviour," said Dr Sanwar Agrawal, director and DNB coordinator at Ekta Institute of Child Health, Raipur.

"The review of available literature from third waves around the world and our hospital's comparative two wave data doesn't suggest that we will have large numbers of ICU admissions of

children with severe Covid-19, or those requiring hospitalisation. The large unimmunised adult population will still drive the third wave, especially those with comorbidities," said chief medical officer and professor, paediatrics, St John's Medical College & Hospital, Dr Sanjay Lewin.

He cautioned about Multi-systemic Inflammatory Syndrome-Children (MIS-C). "We had 33 such children following the first wave, and 15 so far in the second wave. This is what we need to be prepared for through education and strong referral systems. Delaying the third wave and intensive, massive accelerated vaccination campaigns are vital," he said.

"There is no data from across the countries that the third wave has been devastating to children. In Mumbai, children constitute around 6% of the total Covid infections. Children fell sick because adults in the family were stepping out and were not vaccinated," said Dr Sanjay Prabhu, senior consultant paediatrician, BJ Wadia Hospital, Mumbai.

Professor, paediatrics, Subbaiah Institute of Medical Sciences, Shivamogga, Dr Vikram S Kumar concurred with his fellow paediatricians, and said those not vaccinated will remain susceptible, including children. "But there is a difference between getting infected and falling seriously ill. There is no scientific data yet on children falling seriously ill in the third wave," he said. Regarding pneumonia and MIS-C, he said they are treatable conditions if diagnosed early.

Ensure no shortage of black fungus drug: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed both the State and Union Governments to ensure that there is no shortage of the drug required to treat mucormycosis or black fungus cases in Karnataka.

The court also directed the State Government to place before it the details of number of black fungus cases reported in Bengaluru Urban and other districts during the next hearing on June 10. A special division bench of

Chief Justice Jay Shreeni and Justice K u m a r the order. A letter was addressed to the Chief Justice by

advocate Ravindra on the shortage of the injection needed to treat black fungus cases reported across the state.

The court noted in the order that the advocate had pointed out that there was acute shortage of the injection. Advocate General Prabhuling K Navadagi assured that the State Government will immediately look into the matter. To a query, Navadagi said that about 160 cases of black fungus cases have been reported in the state. Additional Solicitor General of India MB Nargund said that the Centre is totally dependent on the import of the drug and it has received the same.

COVID BYTES

Toll-free numbers to report Covid violations

Bengaluru: Members of the public can dial toll-free numbers 1912, 100 and 112 or send an E-mail to cabkarnataka@gmail.com if they notice violation of Covid-19 appropriate behaviour such as people not wearing masks, not maintaining more than 2m distance, not practicing hand hygiene, etc. BBMP Commissioner and respective deputy commissioners will verify the complaints received and take appropriate action under the Epidemic Diseases Act and Disaster Management Act, stated a notification from Jawad Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department.

Beds will now be blocked through triage centres

ENS @Bengaluru

WITH confusion over bed blocking and 'bed-for-cash' allegations, physical triaging is being adopted as a prerequisite to allot beds in hospitals or Covid Care Centres. Physical triaging is being made the primary source of patient evaluation instead of tele-triaging, to allocate beds, Forest Minister and minister in-charge of war rooms Aravind Limbavalli said on Thursday.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the launch of software to block beds through triaging centres, Limbavalli said the Covid Hospital Bed Management System has been upgraded. A detailed physical triage module has been developed and integrated. The module can be used at 16 Physical Triage Centres (PTC) across the eight zones of Bengaluru.

Citizens can walk into centres for physical triaging and each centre is equipped with ambulances to shift patients to hospitals. "The ambulances will also double as Mobile Triage Units for doorstep triage of patients who cannot visit PTCs due to their medical condition."

Even as BBMP has decided to wind up most of the triage centres, 16 will be operational to ensure patients are not inconvenienced. Each PTC is attached to one Covid Care Centre with oxygen beds. Also, 26 hospitals have been identified across the zones to be blocked exclusively from PTCs. Limbavalli added that a trial was done over the last three days where 936 patients were physically triaged. Of these patients, 678 were referred for home isolation, 186 were sent to CCC and 72 were allocated HCU/ICU beds.

Officials in the state war room said the queue system for bed blocking will start in another 2-3 days.



'TOGETHER WE WIN'
Members of the Photo Journalists Association of Bengaluru and Agarwal Samaj hand out rations to members of the transgender community in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

Anganwadi workers to get monetary assistance

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

AID of Rs 3,000 each will be given to 18,746 fishermen registered under the Union Government's savings-cum-relief scheme at a cost of Rs 5.6 crore and Rs 3,000 assistance to 7,668 inland boat owners at a cost of Rs 2.3 crore has been announced.

The government has also decided to offer 25 per cent rebate on contract fees on inland fisheries due from cooperative societies. Assistance of Rs 3,000 each has been announced for 42,574 ASHA workers while Rs 2,000 each will be given to 64,423 Anganwadi workers and 59,169 anganwadi helpers. Financial assistance of Rs 3,000 each will also be given to 36,047 priests, cooks and staff in 'C' category temples under the Muzrai department and clerics and staff at mosques.

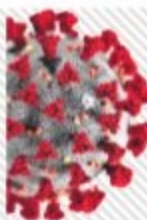
Also, Rs 5,000 each will be paid to teachers in unaided schools at a cost of Rs 100 crore while another Rs 100 crore will be spent on providing half kg of milk powder to school students as part of their mid-day meal ration kit.

The move is also aimed at producing more milk powder to ensure dairy farmers do not suffer huge losses due to lower demand for milk.

Additionally, Rs 50 crore will be deposited in the bank account of the advocates' welfare fund to help advocates or court workers in need, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa said.

Fixed charges on electricity for May and June for MSMEs have been waived. Industries other than MSMEs have been given extended time till the July-end for payment of electricity bills for May and June.

18,324 FRESH COVID CASES IN K'TAKA



The State on Thursday reported 18,324 fresh Covid-19 cases taking the total tally since the beginning of the pandemic last year to 26,53,446. The positivity rate on Thursday increased to 8.8% from the previous day's 8.78%. Bengaluru city saw 3,533 cases, a dip from Wednesday's tally of 4,095, taking the total number of cases to 11,74,275. Meanwhile, 514 people succumbed to the disease in the state on Thursday.

SHARING IS CARING

Grandma donates her nest egg for Covid patients

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

IN a heartening gesture, a 70-year-old grandmother donated her savings from her widow pension for the Covid Care Centre in K R Pet taluk of Mandya district.

Shardamma, from Heeralahalli, handed over Rs 10,000 to tahsildar Shivamurthy, with instructions to provide snacks to those in isolation, at the Covid Care Centre.

This gesture has become the talk of the town, and been appreciated by officials and fellow villagers.

This is not Shardamma's first gesture of generosity. When the first Covid-19 wave had started hitting the district,



Shardamma distributes snacks to the staff of a Covid Care Centre

she had quietly handed over Rs 10,000 to Shivamurthy, and appealed to him to provide biscuits and juice to those admitted in the Covid Care Centre in Hosaholalu and Shettynayana-

kana Koppalu. She brought snacks and juice bottles and handed them over to the officers to be distributed among the 200 people in the centre, wished them a speedy recovery and

prayed for their health. Shardamma said that right from childhood, her parents had taught her to help people in trouble. "I have tried to follow in the footsteps of my parents, and only love and service can win the hearts of the people," the septuagenarian told The New Indian Express.

The tahsildar lauded Shardamma for her service and for sharing her savings from the widow pension. He said that she is a role model, and appealed to the public to chip in with generous donations and join hands to fight Covid. He appealed to the people to follow the advisory issued by the government to break the Covid chain.

Kerala tops Niti Aayog index again

State scores in segments such as 'zero hunger', 'quality education', 'affordable and clean energy'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

KERALA has retained the top rank in Niti Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21 for the third consecutive year, a recognition of its social, economic and environmental progress.

Kerala retained its rank as the top state with a score of 75, an improvement from last year's 70 and 69 in 2018. Since its launch in December 2018, Kerala has been topping the index, which has become the primary tool for monitoring progress on the SDGs in the country and has simultaneously fostered competition among the states and union territories by ranking them on the global goals.

Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam were the worst performing states in this year's India index, as per the report released in New Delhi on Thursday.

Kerala scored in segments such as 'zero hunger', 'quality education', and 'affordable and clean energy', according to Niti Aayog. "Even amidst this glo-

Odisha in bottom 5

Bhubaneswar: Odisha has slipped four places from 15th to 19th among the states in the rankings released by the NITI Aayog towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals for 2020-21, though its composite score has improved from 58 to 61. Odisha remains one of the bottom five states along with Nagaland and Chhattisgarh. **ENS**

bal pandemic, Kerala retains the top rank in NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2020-21," Chief with 75 points. Proud moment!" Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan tweeted.

Both Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu took the second spot with a score of 74.

Launching the The third rendition of India's SDG Index was launched by Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar said "our effort of monitoring SDGs through the SDG India Index and Dashboard continues to be widely noticed and applauded around the world".

Accusations false, contrary to facts: Rohini Sindhuri

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

REFUTING the charges that the city corporation had created Covid Care Centres with 1,500 beds, without the approval of the district administration, Shilpa said the district administration did not even give tablets to Covid Mitras. Rohini, who does not know anything about Covid Mitra, desperately tried to take credit for it during the interaction with the Prime Minister, she alleged.

"We managed to mobilise Rs 12 crore in CSR funding and are effectively focused on containing the pandemic, other than preparing for the third wave. I have worked with many officers, but not in such a suffocating atmosphere. I have always respected her, but I wish no other officer gets to deal with get such an arrogant Deputy Commissioner," she charged. Shilpa also alleged that the



Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri

DC had told corporate entities not to extend CSR funding to the city corporation, but to give it to the district administration.

"The egoist attitude of the DC and hunger for publicity has made her to personally target me and other corporate officials. I have not spoken to my son for a week. My peace has been disturbed. I am not going out helpless, but I am moving out with great pain. I am firm on my resignation," she added.

On her part, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri said the accusations were false and contrary to facts. In a statement, she said, "It is untrue that there was any

harassment from me and none has been mentioned even in the statement issued by Shilpa Nag. She had stopped attending Covid reviews by the DC. The MCC was submitting unsigned and contradictory ward-wise Covid figures on new cases, deaths and active cases. I had ordered that same be rectified."

"I have ordered that government CCCs be opened in Mysuru City which did not have a single one until recently. In the circumstances, None of this constitutes harassment by any stretch of imagination. Nag was made in-charge of CSR for the whole district. It was later informed to me that she spent almost the whole of it within Mysuru City. So I had asked for a full and proper account of it, but no reply has been received until now. The accounts of spending of the CSR by her are still awaited," she said.

CRIME PATROL

Delivery boy molests woman, booked

BENGALURU: A 30-year-old woman, who had gone for a walk, was allegedly molested by a delivery boy in Koramangala police station limits, on Monday night. The incident took place in Koramangala 4th Block on Monday. Police said while she was walking, a delivery boy came on a bike and stopped next to her. However, she continued walking and when she went about 100-150 metres ahead, the accused came on the bike and touched her inappropriately, and moved further. "He stopped the bike at about 300 metres and made a U-turn and started coming towards the complainant again. When the woman started screaming, residents came out and the accused fled the scene," the police added. Based on the complaint, Koramangala police have booked the accused.

Chain-snatcher escapes, no case filed

BENGALURU: A chain-snatcher targeted an elderly woman and tried to snatch her gold chain in Chamarajpet on Tuesday morning. He managed to escape and threw the chain away when passersby chased him. However, police didn't file a case. Guruprasad, a witness, said the two policemen who spoke to the woman, were on patrolling duty. They did not take any information from the woman to file a case. They left the scene preaching her that she should come out alone," he added. Initially, Cottonpet police didn't take any action as the case falls under Chamarajpet police station limits. However, the two policemen didn't inform them too. When TNIE, spoke to officers of both the police stations, they said neither the woman filed a complaint nor did the patrolling staff inform about the incident.

Gang steals scooter to fund murder

BENGALURU: The Kamakshipalya police have arrested four youths and recovered two scooters that they had stolen to arrange funds to carry out the murder of a person belonging to a rival gang. The arrested are Vikram (20), Naveen (21), both residents of Sunkadakatte, Manjunath R (21) of Srinagar, and Sagar (19) of Hegganahalli Cross. Police said that a biker had gone to a petrol bunk near the Kamakshipalya eucalyptus grove on May 31 evening when six youths came on two scooters and threatened him at knife-point before fleeing with his scooter.

EXPRESS READ

Let's speak in one voice for centralised vaccination: Jagan writes to all CMs

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy Thursday wanted Chief Ministers of all the states to speak in a single voice and urge the Centre to take charge and responsibility of Covid vaccination drive. "As the situation has now transformed into States Vs Union, we as Chief Ministers shall speak in one voice and ensure that India overcomes this pandemic," Jagan Mohan Reddy said in a letter written to his counterparts of all the States. Jagan Mohan Reddy's letter to his counterparts comes in the wake of the state government's bid to procure vaccine through global tenders drawing a blank. **ENS**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Madikeri

KUSHA, the most-talked-about elephant of Dubare Camp, was radio-collared and is being released into the Bandipur Tiger Reserve limits. This is being done following orders from the state Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife). A notification for the release of Kusha was passed by the state on April 20. However, it was delayed due to the Covid-19 situation.

The 29-year-old Kusha was captured by the Kodagu division of the Forest Department three years ago as it had caused damage to crops and properties across Chettalli area in the district. However, Kusha escaped from captivity after he entered the musth period a year ago and he returned to the forest in search of a mate. The department re-captured the elephant from Kandakere forest area near Chettalli and brought back to the camp during March-end.



File photo of Kusha with mahout Nagesh

However, conservationists across the state objected to this move and alleged that Kusha was being badly treated at the

camp. Conservationist Maneka Gandhi had slammed the Forest Department for re-capturing Kusha and demanded his immediate release from captivity. Further, a team of conservationists from People For Animals visited Dubare to study the ground reality. "The team certified to us stating that we were nurturing Kusha with care. Kusha was not put inside the kraal and we did not have to re-tame him as he obeyed our orders despite being free

from captivity for over a year. He was looked after well in the camp and the same was certified by the People For Animals team," confirmed Kushalnagar RFO Ananya Kumar. Officials confirmed that Kusha is now radio-collared and is being shifted to be released in Moolhole forest range in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The Dubare Camp staff said they are in pain to let go of Kusha, who was mingling well with the forest staff and other camp elephants.

CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HOSAKOTE
Bangalore Rural Dist., Near Taluk Office, Old Bus Stand.
Tel : 2793 1221. E-mail : itsstaff_ulb_hosakote@yahoo.com
Website : www.hosakotecty.mrc.gov.in

No.: CMC/Tec/CR/TN/06/2021-22 Date : 02-06-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal only)

Commissioner City Municipal Council, Hosakote invites tenderes for Annual Repair and Maintenance of Submersible Motor Pump Sets, Panel Board for Borewells located across Hosakote CMC Limits for 2021-22 Financial year under municipal fund by Single Bid System from eligible Tenderer through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka.

Sl. No. 01) Tender Indent No : INDENT NO. : CMC/HSK/WS/PACKAGE-1/2021-22. Estimated Cost (in Lakhs) : 18.45. EMD : 46,125/-. Sl. No. 02) Tender Indent No : INDENT NO. : CMC/HSK/WS/PACKAGE-2/2021-22. Estimated Cost (in Lakhs) : 28.00. EMD : 56,000/-.

1) The tenders can download the documents from <https://eroc.karnataka.gov.in> 2) The Last Date for Submission of completed tenders through e-Portal is 17-06-2021 upto 5.00 p.m. 3) Date of Bid opening 19-06-2021 at 11.00 a.m. 4) Further information can be obtained from the above said in office hours or download from the website : <https://eroc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Sd/- Sd/- Sd/-
President Vice President Standing Committee Municipal
CMC, CMC, CMC, CMC,
Hosakote, Hosakote, Hosakote, Commissioner
CMC, Hosakote, CMC, Hosakote.

DIPR/Bangalore Rural/Municipal/56/2021-22

Do not be anxious about Covid-19; be cautious.

Wear Mask Maintain 6 Feet Distance Keep Your Hands Clean

Central Coalfields Limited
"A Miniratna Company"
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd. www.coalindia.in / respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, www.centralcoalfields.in), CIL e-procurement portal <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in> in addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal <https://gem.gov.in>".

Government of Karnataka
Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga
No.: ZPC/Dev/SBM/CR-146/3/2021-22 Date: 28.05.2021

Short-Term e-Tender Notification

Tender is invited through e-procurement after fixing the date of Tender as per K.T.P.P. Rules for supply of 3 wheeler customized box tipper with wet and dry partition including announcement system (Auto Tipper Diesel) approved under Solid Waste management Programme of Swachh Bharat Mission (G) for Gram Panchayats in the limits of Chitradurga Zilla Panchayat. If by chance any of the dates published in the Tender Process is declared as holiday, the next working day of the office will be considered. Tender process details: (1) Date of viewing/downloading Tender Documents in the website: from 29.05.2021 to 10.06.2021. (2) Approx. amount put to Tender: Rs. 1,75,00,000/- (3) E.M.D. Amount (Variable EMD): Rs. 2,62,500/- (4) Last date for receiving applications and filled Tenders: 10.06.2021, 5.00 PM. (5) Date of Pre-bid Meeting: 05.06.2021 after 11.00 AM. (6) Date of downloading Technical Bid of Tender and Documents: 14.06.2021 after 11.00 AM. (7) Date of opening Financial Bid: 16.06.2021 after 11.00 AM. If further information is required it can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during working hours on phone No. 9480861004 or from website <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> and phone No. 08194-22279.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/153/2021-22 Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, Z.P., Chitradurga District

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION
LAKSHADWEEP DISTRICT PANCHAYATH
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
KAVARATTI 682 555

F.No.30/17/2021-22 DHO (HS) DP(1) Dated: 01.06.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Health Services U.T of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive E-Tender from the Original Licensed Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors / Agents for the following work as detailed below.

Name of Work	Procurement and supply of Medicines required for Peripheral Health Institutions
Tender Fee / Cost of Tender Form	₹ 1000 + 18% GST (Rs.1180)
Bid Document available for downloading from	03.06.2021 10.30
Bid Document available for downloading up to	29.06.2021 16.00
Last date & Time for submission of Bid	29.06.2021 16.00
Opening of Technical Bid	29.06.2021 16.30
Opening of Financial Bid	09.07.2021 16.00

Tender Document containing detailed terms & conditions and goods required can be downloaded from the website www.lakshadweep.gov.in Bidders willing to participate in the tender shall visit the e-tender website www.tendersutl.gov.in for participation.

For any help / query, please contact representative of the Department through email (bufferhealthdhs@gmail.com) & healthtenders786@gmail.com or Telephone (04896262819) and for any help in processing of e-tender please contact E-Tender helpdesk Shri. Sakeer Hussain. Mobile. 9447510207.

(Dr.M.K.Soudhahi)
District Health Officer
U.T of Lakshadweep

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION
LAKSHADWEEP DISTRICT PANCHAYATH
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
KAVARATTI 682 555

F.No.30/19/2021-22 DHO (HS) DP(1) Dated: 01.06.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Health Services U.T of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive E-Tender from the Original Licensed Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors / Agents for the following work as detailed below.

Name of Work	Procurement and supply of X-Ray items
Tender Fee / Cost of Tender Form	₹ 1000 + 18% GST (Rs.1180)
Bid Document available for downloading from	02.06.2021 10.30
Bid Document available for downloading up to	27.06.2021 16.00
Last date & Time for submission of Bid	27.06.2021 16.00
Opening of Technical Bid	27.06.2021 16.30
Opening of Financial Bid	09.07.2021 16.00

Tender Document containing detailed terms & conditions and goods required can be downloaded from the website www.lakshadweep.gov.in Bidders willing to participate in the tender shall visit the e-tender website www.tendersutl.gov.in for participation.

For any help / query, please contact representative of the Department through email (bufferhealthdhs@gmail.com) & healthtenders786@gmail.com or Telephone (04896262819) and for any help in processing of e-tender please contact E-Tender helpdesk Shri. Sakeer Hussain. Mobile. 9447510207.

(Dr.M.K.Soudhahi)
District Health Officer
U.T of Lakshadweep

TNPL TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED - UNIT II
Mondipatti - 621 306. Trichy Dist. Tamil Nadu
Ph : 04332 - 265102 Email: purchaserm.u2@tnpl.co.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

TNPL invites Tender for the following

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
212223 000436	Native Starch (Maize based) for BM#4 for TNPL - Unit II	17.06.2021
212223 000437	Cationic Starch (Maize based) for TNPL - Unit II	21.06.2021

Detailed terms & conditions, Quantity, Tender fee, EMD etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from websites : www.tnpl.com/ www.tenders.tn.gov.in DIPR/1680/Tender/2021 **TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper**

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) Supplying & Managing Network Infrastructure for Stand-by MPLS Connectivity for SCADA Project,

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

(2) 70673, (3) 70745.

Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

PRO/AAM(M)/25/2021. GENERAL MANAGER

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A STATE GOVERNMENT UNDER TAKING)
REGD OFFICE: Sri Sal Towers, Door No:10-152/1, 4' & 5' Floor, Ashoknagar, Beside Sris Company, Bandar Road, Kanuru, Vijayawada-520007.

Lr.No.PDS/P2/1263/RF/2020-21 Dated: 03.06.2021

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

EMPANELMENT OF SUPPLIERS THROUGH AP + Procurement e-Reverse AUCTION PLATFORM FOR SUPPLY OF 1100 MTS OF FORTIFIED RICE KERNELS (FRKS) WITH THREE (3) MICRO NUTRIENTS (IRON, FOLIC ACID AND VITAMIN B12) IN 2020 BAG TO APSCSL FOR FORTIFICATION OF BOILED RICE TO BE DELIVERED TO PCI.

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. invites tenders for appointment of Manufacturers/Suppliers for supply of 1100 Mts of Fortified Rice Kernels(FRK) for boiled rice. For registration, interested Manufacturers/Suppliers of FRKs from all over India may visit <https://tender.approcurement.gov.in> or www.apscsl.in to view and download tender documents at free of cost.

The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in website <https://tender.approcurement.gov.in> or contact the help desk of procurement portal, Phone numbers: 08845-246370 / 717273/74.

Last date for online registration and completion of Formalities for the e-Reverse auction shall be up to 5.00 pm of 10.06.2021 and the tentative date of online e-auction through e-procurement auction platform would be on 14.06.2021.

Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION
LAKSHADWEEP DISTRICT PANCHAYATH
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
KAVARATTI 682 555

F.No.30/18/2021-22 DHO (HS) DP(1) Dated: 01.06.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Health Services U.T of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive E-Tender from the Original Licensed Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors / Agents for the following work as detailed below.

Name of Work	Procurement and supply of Surgical items
Tender Fee / Cost of Tender Form	₹ 1000 + 18% GST (Rs.1180)
Bid Document available for downloading from	04.06.2021 10.30
Bid Document available for downloading up to	28.06.2021 16.00
Last date & Time for submission of Bid	28.06.2021 16.00
Opening of Technical Bid	28.06.2021 16.30
Opening of Financial Bid	07.07.2021 16.00

Tender Document containing detailed terms & conditions and goods required can be downloaded from the website www.lakshadweep.gov.in Bidders willing to participate in the tender shall visit the e-tender website www.tendersutl.gov.in for participation.

For any help / query, please contact representative of the Department through email (bufferhealthdhs@gmail.com) & healthtenders786@gmail.com or Telephone (04896262819) and for any help in processing of e-tender please contact E-Tender helpdesk Shri. Sakeer Hussain. Mobile. 9447510207.

(Dr.M.K.Soudhahi)
District Health Officer
U.T of Lakshadweep

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
(As ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)
SANKARAMANGALAM, CHAVARA-691583, KOLLAM, KERALA, INDIA
Phone : +91-476-2651215 to 2651217, Fax : +91-476-2680101, 2686721
E-mail : contact@kmmll.com, URL www.kmmll.com

Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal, <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmmll.com

No.	Tender ID	Items
1.	2021_KMML_424180_1	For the supply of economiser coil with support

Chavara 03/06/2021 Sd/- DGM (Mts) For The Kerala Minerals And Metals Ltd.

Our Products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge, Rutile, Zircon & Silimanite

Zilla Panchayat, Davanagere.
Swachh Bharat Mission, District Aid Unit
Lokikere Road, Opp. Doordarshan Kendra, Davanagere - 577005
Ph.: (08192) 261360 Fax: (08192) 261865/262103
e-mail: tscdavanagere@gmail.com

No.: ZPD: DAC.S.B.M:CR-/2021-22/160 Date: 01.06.2021

Tender Notice

Tender is invited by fixing Tender Date through e-procurement as per K.T.P.P. Rules separately for supply of 4 Wheeler (Auto Tipper Petrol) under Swachh Bharat Mission (R) for selected 34 Gram Panchayats in the limits of Davanagere Zilla Panchayat. If by chance any of the dates mentioned below are declared as holidays, then the next working day of the office will be considered. (1) Date of viewing/downloading Tender Document from the website 03.06.2021 after 11.00 AM. (2) Approx. Amount of Tender Rs. 2,21,00,000.00 (3) E.M.D. Amount (Variable EMD) As per e-procurement portal (4) Date of Pre-bid Meeting 08.06.2021 at 3.30 PM (5) Last date for submission of Material Sample 11.06.2021 up to 3.00 PM submit Manufacturer Catalogue (6) Last date for receiving Applications and receiving filled Tenders 02.07.2021 after 5.30 PM (7) Date of downloading Technical Bid of Tender and Documents 05.07.2021 after 11.00 AM (8) Date of opening Financial Bid of Tender 10.07.2021 after 11.00 AM

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)
KAVARATTI-682 555

F.No.42-5/2021 DHS(Medicine) Dated: 01.06.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Health Services U.T of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive E-Tender from the Original Licensed Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors / Agents for the following work as detailed below.

Name of Work	Annual procurement and supply of Allopathic Medicines required for All Health Institutions for the year 2021-22
Tender Fee / Cost of Tender Form	₹ 1000 + 18% GST (Rs.1180)
Bid Document available for downloading from	03.06.2021 10.00
Bid Document available for downloading up to	25.06.2021 16.00
Last date & Time for submission of Bid	25.06.2021 16.00
Opening of Technical Bid	25.06.2021 16.30
Opening of Financial Bid	08.07.2021 16.00

Tender Document containing detailed terms & conditions and goods required can be downloaded from the website www.lakshadweep.gov.in Bidders willing to participate in the tender shall visit the e-tender website www.tendersutl.gov.in for participation.

For any help / query, please contact representative of the Department through email (bufferhealthdhs@gmail.com) & healthtenders786@gmail.com or Telephone (04896262819) and for any help in processing of e-tender please contact E-Tender helpdesk Shri. Sakeer Hussain. Mobile. 9447510207.

(Dr.M.K.Soudhahi)
Director Health Services
U.T of Lakshadweep

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 19/ 06/ 2021 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website. The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

BANGALORE, H.A.L 3RD STAGE JEEVANBHIMA NAGAR, 108040700032208, VARUN S, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2210, GERARD FELIX J, 50176/-, CHAIN 1, 2219, KARTHIK S, 18980/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2227, S MOHAN, 25740/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2228, MANJULA, 14000/-, STUD 4, 2251, ALADIYAN M, 79000/-, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 2, MATTI 1, 2254, VELLANGANNI, 70327/-, FINGER RINGS 2, NECKLACE 1, STUD 1, 2255, VELLANGANNI, 80632/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 108040730007071, MANJULA, 44850/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 7073, MANJULA, 61190/-, DROPS & STUD 8, 7075, MANJULA, 64550/-, ELAS 4, STUD 2, 7238, RAGAVENDRAM N, 49550/-, NECKLACE 1, 7322, PADMAJJA C, 67091/-, NECKLACE 1, 7324, PADMAJJA C, 69782/-, NECKLACE 1, 7335, GAJENDRAP V, 192658/-, CHAIN 1, 7394, CHAITRAS, 26245/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7424, MANJULA, 48740/-, LOCKET 1, 8305, GANESH M K, 55220/-, BRACELET 1, 8306, GANESH M K, 48754/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 8307, GANESH M K, 26783/-, CHAIN 1, 8308, GANESH M K, 43864/-, DROPS & STUD 2, MATTI 2, 8309, GANESH M K, 34726/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, 8310, GANESH M K, 32381/-, CHAIN 1, 8317, DHURVAR G, 14208/-, CHAIN 1, 8338, NAGARAJU, 20484/-, CHAIN 1, 8339, NAGARAJU, 37706/-, NECKLACE 1, 8340, NAGARAJU, 185726/-, CHAIN 1, 8341, NAGARAJU, 166301/-, NECKLACE 1, 8354, PREM KUMAR G, 50083/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8363, MANJUNATHAM, 23341/-, DROPS 2, 8367, RAGHU R, 94772/-, CHAIN 1, 8370, GAJENDRA S, 78941/-, CHAIN 1, 8373, DADAPEER A, 22452/-, CHAIN 1, 8384, SIVA PERIYATHAMBI, 23855/-, CHAIN 1, 8397, SANDEEP HEGDE, 52130/-, CHAIN 1, 8398, ARIF ULLARAWOOF KHAN, 44368/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 8407, MAHESH, 116013/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, 8412, GOPINAM, 27672/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 8413, GOPINAM, 6614/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8414, GOPINAM, 14294/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8432, RADHIKA J, 58209/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 4, 8433, SHAMALAMMA M, 50000/-, DROPS & STUD 6, 8435, SANJAY S, 249230/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, CHAIN 2, 8436, SANJAY S, 354210/-, NECKLACE 2, 8448, SATISH KUMAR, 50116/-, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 1, 8454, KANAGESH, 25000/-, CHAIN 1, 8459, GOPINAM, 35000/-, ANGLEWARE 1, 8460, ANANDH, 36853/-, CHAIN 1, BANGALORE, HAL OLD AIRPORT ROAD, 108900700056983, MICHEAL RAJ, 12453/-, BRACELET 1, 6994, MICHEAL RAJ, 17684/-, STUD 2, 7041, PRIYASUDHA BAL, 86339/-, NECKLACE 1, 7042, PRIYASUDHA BAL, 62688/-, NECKLACE 1, 7044, PRIYASUDHA BAL, 36566/-, NECKLACE 1, 7047, BHASKAR P, 34749/-, CHAIN 1, 7056, ZAKIR AHMED, 64941/-, NECKLACE 1, 7153, DHANYA KK, 58659/-, NECKLACE 1, 7158, NAKSHATHRA MARRY, 29049/-, CHAIN 1, 7162, R DEVARAJULU, 12998/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7181, BALACHANDRAN RN, 173935/-, CHAIN 2, 7202, ARULDAS, 27940/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 7217, NAGARAJAM, 33555/-, CHAIN 1, MATTI 2, 7317, SATYA RAJU N, 13410/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7372, MOHAMMED SAMIULLA, 12988/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7386, PALANIVELLU, 165165/-, CHAIN 1, 7506, SREEDEVIAMMA, 49867/-, BANGLE 1, STUD 4, 7555, VAIRAMBAL NAGARAJ, 9250/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7633, DHANUSH BALASUBRAMANYA, 1001997/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 2, 7660, SN MUNIRAJ, 29990/-, CHAIN 1, 7673, VINODAS, 39993/-, BANGLE 2, 7682, AROCKIADASS, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7683, AROCKIADASS, 13569/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7690, ATHIYAGARAJAN, 19997/-, BRACELET 1, 7695, RAHUL J, 10188/-, STUD 2, 7698, SATHISH, 14959/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7729, VADIVELU G, 115748/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 5, 7731, ANIL KUMAR R, 39993/-, CHAIN 1, MATTI 2, 7747, ANIL KUMAR R, 64000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7763, MICHEAL RAJ, 134635/-, CHAIN 1, 8381, RAJESH K, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8529, NAGENDRAMMA B, 11000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8530, KIRAN KUMAR R, 59152/-, BRACELET 1, 8532, RUBAN N, 9988/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8536, GOWRI KUMAR, 48000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 8538, GOWRI KUMAR, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8542, G SHIVAKUMAR, 47500/-, CHAIN 1, 8550, INDRANI, 13330/-, DROPS 2, 8551, RUBAN N, 24993/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8553, SUNITHA PILAY, 109356/-, CHAIN 1, 8554, VIJAY KUMAR, 39897/-, CHAIN 1, 8557, ARAVIND KUMAR, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8560, SHIVAGAMI, 13230/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8562, BALARAMAN C, 78000/-, CHAIN 1, 8565, ROOPA, 32400/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8566, ROOPA, 44914/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8568, SHIVAGAMI, 41244/-, CHAIN 1, 8572, HILARY CELESTINE, 50991/-, CHAIN 1, 8573, HILARY CELESTINE, 64430/-, NECKLACE 1, STUD 2, 8575, SIVAP K, 13457/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8576, KARTHIK D, 16547/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8577, ASKAR, 138527/-, CHAIN 1, 8581, JAIRAMA, 78977/-, NECKLACE 1, 8587, SRIDEVI SURESH, 25000/-, STUD 2, 8588, MOHANBABU M, 51000/-, CHAIN 1, 8589, SRIDEVI SURESH, 68000/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 8590, KADHAR SHAREEF A, 129087/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 6, 8591, UPENDRA RAO R, 6493/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8604, GANGA CHETTRY, 44014/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 8623, KAY NANDA PAVITHRA, 60326/-, DROPS & STUD 4, MATTI 2, 8626, PRAKASH L M, 59000/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 3, 8636, SHEEBHA GKAVI, 39995/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 8638, SHIVA PRASAD, 12915/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8644, MICHAIR, 6007/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8650, RUBAN N, 9500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8661, NAGARAJ M, 59995/-, BANGLE 2, 8676, NARAYANAN K, 32864/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 8685, PRAKASH SIMON, 43000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, STUD 2, 8691, THARA, 60000/-, CHAIN 1, 8692, THARA, 15000/-, DROPS 2, 8696, MURALI KRISHNA, 32000/-, CHAIN 1, 8698, NAGENDRAMMA B, 7900/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8704, MAJID KAHAN, 46820/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 3, MATTI 1, 8705, JAYALAKSHMI, 27000/-, LOCKET 1, 8706, CHANDRASHEKAR P, 71143/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8713, DEVIKA G, 8892/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8715, MAHAMATI, 7000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8720, VANDANA C, 97000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, NECKLACE 1, 8721, ARULDAS, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 8725, GORI, 27000/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 2, 8726, VEMU PRABHU CHAITANYA, 59000/-, NECKLACE 1, STUD 2, 8727, PRABU, 29900/-, BRACELET 1, 8742, RAVI M, 39998/-, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 8748, RUBAN N, 23996/-, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 8754, JAYAMMA, 97256/-, BRACELET 1, DROPS & STUD 3, 8759, IMMANULLA S, 54000/-, CHAIN 1, 8760, ROOPA, 132091/-, CHAIN 3, FINGER RINGS 1, 8761, SANTOSH, 9998/-, CHAIN 1, 8762, RANUETH R, 6456/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8765, VINAY R, 21000/-, BRACELET 1, 8766, CHANDRASHEKHAR, 66000/-, CHAIN 1, 8769, ANITA M, 23074/-, CHAIN 1, 8770, TALIN S, 232523/-, BROAD BANGLES 6, NECKLACE 1, 8785, BALANKAMMA, 71953/-, NECKLACE 1, STUD 1, 8796, CHIRANJIVI, 39800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8797, FRANCIS PREM KUMAR J C, 156904/-, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 2, LOCKET 1, 8820, AAROCKIADASS, 46068/-, NECKLACE 1, 8822, RAJU J, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8832, SANGEETHA K, 22000/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 8833, SANGEETHA K, 148938/-, BABY BANGLES 2, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 3, NECKLACE 1, 8834, VASANTHI, 44500/-, CHAIN 1, STUD 4, 8835, MOHAN S, 6400/-, MATTI 1, 8839, MAHAVISHNU, 16000/-, DROPS & STUD 5, 8845, UPENDRA RAO R, 17000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8847, ARULDAS, 50000/-, CHAIN 1, 108900730008080, NARESH BABU, 117100/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 8081, NARESH BABU, 92690/-, BRACELET 1, 8131, GISHA P PAUL, 54338/-, BRACELET 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 8132, GISHA P PAUL, 72000/-, CHAIN 2, FINGER RINGS 2, STUD 2, 8134, GISHA P PAUL, 28726/-, CHAIN 1, 8185, MAULIKKUMAR PATEL, 59888/-, CHAIN 1, 8286, KARTHIK D, 83711/-, BANGLE 2, 8287, KARTHIK D, 84423/-, CHAIN 1, 8288, KARTHIK D, 35226/-, CHAIN 1, 8295, MUQIMUDDIN MOHAMMED, 141289/-, CHAIN 1, 8354, DOMINIC F, 124252/-, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 3, FINGER RINGS 2, 8495, GISHA P PAUL, 243640/-, DROPS & STUD 2, NECKLACE 2, 8496, GISHA P PAUL, 324560/-, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 2, FINGER RINGS 10, MATTI 4, NECKLACE 1, 8550, MANJUNATH J N, 37339/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 8553, DEEPAK KS, 354490/-, BROAD BANGLES 6, DROPS & STUD 2, NECKLACE 1, 8572, KESHAVA, 112727/-, CHAIN 1, 8612, KESHAVA, 72380/-, CHAIN 1, 8613, KESHAVA, 6115/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 8661, PREM WILLIAMS, 55773/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 8663, PREM WILLIAMS, 61929/-, CHAIN 2, STUD 2, 8667, CHANDRASHEKHAR, 61632/-, FINGER RINGS 5, 8691, MANI, 86290/-, CHAIN 1, 8693, MANI, 83600/-, BANGLE 2, DROPS & STUD 2, 8841, K MUBARAK BASHA, 119769/-, NECKLACE 1, 8860, KADHAR SHAREEF A, 136065/-, NECKLACE 1, 8862, K MUBARAK BASHA, 89347/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 8887, NARAYANA SWAMY, 101733/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 8888, NARAYANA SWAMY, 174080/-, CHAIN 1, 8889, NARAYANA SWAMY, 102920/-, BANGLE 2, 8890, NARAYANA SWAMY, 77862/-, CHAIN 1, 8897, AM NAVEEN KUMAR, 13619/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8928, SHRISHAIL HUNASHYAL, 97330/-, NECKLACE 1, 8929, SHRISHAIL HUNASHYAL, 70400/-, NECKLACE 1, 9026, K PREETHI, 13027/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 9090, RAJESH P, 5493/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9093, NAGENDRAMMA B, 6815/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9138, SHAJI VARGIS, 17573/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 9150, VEMU PRABHU CHAITANYA, 205672/-, BANGLE 1, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, NECKLACE 1, 9198, BYRESH D N, 17768/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9442, DEVARAJ K, 90865/-, CHAIN 3, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 9444, DEVARAJ K, 18275/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 2, 108900730010070, VIJAYA LAKSHMI, 67916/-, CHAIN 1, 0086, TALLAGORA VINOD, 9367/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0087, LOKESH, 75630/-, NECKLACE 1, 0094, KARTHIK D, 52749/-, CHAIN 1, 0104, SHESHNAG R, 20097/-, CHAIN 1, 0111, PATRICK JOSHVAS, 41972/-, BRACELET 1, 0112, PATRICK JOSHVAS, 8215/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0113, PATRICK JOSHVAS, 9561/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0119, SHIVAGAMI, 19766/-, STUD 4, 0135, BHIMASEN SWAIN, 45887/-, CHAIN 1, 0136, BHIMASEN SWAIN, 43069/-, CHAIN 1, 0166, RAVI PRASAD C, 41026/-, CHAIN 1, 0173, MALLES, 1354402/-, BANGLE 2, 0180, JAYAMMA, 61191/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 2, 0187, JAYAMMA, 33809/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, LOCKET 1, 0189, JAYA KUMAR K, 144531/-, NECKLACE 1, 0195, KUMAR S, 69616/-, CHAIN 1, 0202, SHANKAR RAO L, 64576/-, CHAIN 1, 0219, SOMASHEKAR K, 19630/-, CHAIN 1, 0220, DARLAALANIL KUMAR, 9495/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0223, HARISH KUMAR R, 80870/-, NECKLACE 1, 0235, GURUPPA, 79717/-, CHAIN 1, 0240, ARULDAS, 39544/-, CHAIN 1, 0241, ARULDAS, 22727/-, BANGLE 1, 0242, ARULDAS, 29797/-, NECKLACE 1, 0253, ANAND S, 58222/-, LOCKET 1, 0257, RADHA, 42721/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 0277, RADHA, 581220/-, BRACELET 2, CHAIN 4, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 4, NECKLACE 2, 0278, RADHA, 49694/-, MATTI 2, 0320, ANIL KUMAR R, 80135/-, CHAIN 1, 0323, SELVANATHAN B, 26926/-, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 3, 0330, VENKATESHWARLU, 32126/-, CHAIN 1, 0340, NARASIMHAU, 26390/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0345, PUSHPARAJ B, 6648/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0348, BABU G, 61700/-, CHAIN 1, CHAMRAJNAGAR, HANNU, 117630700036483, NAGARAJU, 4437/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8322, SHANTHI, 7975/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8968, MAHADEVAPRABHU, 81999/-, BANGLE 2, 8971, MAHADEVAPRABHU, 18995/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 9111, MANJU, 10944/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9235, NANGENDRAM, 21494/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 9373, JAYAMMA, 14961/-, MATTI 2, 9379, MOHAMAD SHEBIAR K, 76993/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 2, 9435, MOHAMAD SHEBIAR K, 79342/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 9436, MOHAMAD SHEBIAR K, 52649/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9503, BALAJI NAYAK, 24000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 9506, KUMARDM, 27987/-, MATTI 2, 9529, SAKAMMA, 48985/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 9538, NARAYANAMURTHY, 11988/-, CHAIN 1, 9585, PRAVEEN KUMAR M, 64994/-, NECKLACE 1, 9606, RANGASWAMY, 22635/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9607, LAKSHMINARAYANANA V, 24977/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9627, MAHADEVAPRABHU, 33638/-, BRACELET 1, MATTI 2, 9652, SUVARNA, 72143/-, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 1, MATTI 4, 9685, SHEKHAR, 9969/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 9765, DHESIL KUMAR S, 4965/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9786, SAKAMMA, 20993/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9799, BHARATH S, RAJ, 13992/-, STUD 2, 9822, NANIAPPA NAYAKA, 14971/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9832, KANTHARAJU M, 24977/-, CHAIN 1, 9870, ANAND JOHNSON S, 27207/-, CHAIN 1, 9908, SOMASUNDAR, 51965/-, DROPS 2, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 3, 9911, GANESHA N, 64807/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, 9937, KRISHNAMMA, 31976/-, DROPS & STUD 6, 9948, SHRINIVASA, 12012/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9951, MADEVAMMA, 82000/-, CHAIN 1, 9987, NAGE GOWDA, 29997/-, LOCKET 11, 9998, NAGE GOWDA, 25000/-, LOCKET 9, 9995, M SAKTHIVEL, 24967/-, CHAIN 1, 117630700040089, LOKESHAK, 19986/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0111, SUPRITHA K, 7935/-, STUD 2, 0121, VELUR, 109912/-, CHAIN 1, 0629, SOMWYA, 15995/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0728, SAKAMMA, 18190/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0732, MADESHAN, 29995/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0743, MAHESHA KUMARA, 30000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0750, LAXMI, 5500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0777, PUNEETH, 18496/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0812, RAJA, 17000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0813, RAJA, 30499/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 0814, RAJA, 20596/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 0815, RAJA, 9400/-, STUD 2, 0823, RAMESH E, 24500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, MATTI 2, 0828, VARAPRASAD C, 85000/-, NECKLACE 1, 0841, SIDDARAJU R, 26065/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0848, PRAVEEN KUMAR S, 28000/-, CHAIN 1, 0857, MAHADEVASWAMY, 40000/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 0863, SIDDARAJU, 12007/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0870, SHIVAMMA, 74158/-, NECKLACE 1, 0871, SHIVAMADA, 19991/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0874, RAMESH, 47000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0883, MUTHURAJU, 23900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0906, MAHUDEVA, 21367/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 0908, SIGA, 37871/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 0919, MAHADEVA, 19310/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, 0931, MUTHA, 9900/-, STUD 2, 0932, MANJU, 29996/-, FINGER RINGS 1, MATTI 2, 0933, MALLU, 69996/-, CHAIN 1, 0936, PALANISWAMY, 81000/-, NECKLACE 1, 0942, LAKSHMI, 65000/-, NECKLACE 1, 0950, MAHADEVAPRABHU, 86000/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 0958, SHIVALINGEGOWDA, 33000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7233, KIRAN S, 30780/-, LOCKET 18, 7611, SATHISH KUMAR R, 39298/-, CHAIN 1, 7666, KUMAR, 77940/-, NECKLACE 1, 7802, SARDAR M D, 77881/-, FINGER RINGS 2, MATTI 2, NECKLACE 1, 7847, RACHAPPAJI, 30498/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8049, MURUGESH, 3369/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 8118, LEO RAVI KUMAR B, 118737/-, CHAIN 1, 8215, RAVINAYAKA, 120231/-, NECKLACE 1, 8766, ALWIN KAVI RAJA J, 35224/-, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 1, MATTI 4, 9003, MAHESH KUMAR M, 7984/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9098, PRASADAS, 20366/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9115, NINGARAJU H C, 37426/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 9164, MAHENDRA B, 19942/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9346, M SAKTHIVEL, 67774/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 9348, M SAKTHIVEL, 10801/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9599, SHIVAMMA, 33981/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 0979, MURUGESH, 51038/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 0982, SURESHA P, 12175/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1046, CHINNANMAIDU NAIDU, 25318/-, DROPS 4, 1079, SHOBBANA M, 6992/-, DROPS 2, 1113, MUTHUKUMAR K, 25676/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1114, MUTHUKUMAR K, 11577/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1140, KARTHIK M, 9518/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1146, RAJASHEKHARA, 18547/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1147, RAJASHEKHARA, 12401/-, EAR RINGS 2, 1154, SYED GAFOOR, 65250/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 1192, VARAPRASAD C, 18395/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1193, VARAPRASAD C, 15002/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1194, VARAPRASAD C, 33947/-, CHAIN 1, 1195, VARAPRASAD C, 8294/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1196, VARAPRASAD C, 27939/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 1217, SAVITHA, 16987/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 1223, NAUSHAD PASHA, 44517/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 1227, GAVIYIAH, 27240/-, DROPS & STUD 2, STUD 2, 1265, RAGHARATHNA, 22422/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 1270, RAGHAVENDRA, 49996/-, NECKLACE 1, 1271, MADESHA, 18301/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 1283, SOMA D, 20216/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1317, SUNITHA, 15007/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1325, HRUTHIK SAGAR, 49576/-, DROPS & STUD 4, LOCKET 2, STUD 2, 1326, HRUTHIK SAGAR, 33749/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1329, NAGARAJU, 13982/-, DROPS 2, 1334, MASHAKOORALIKHAN, 134713/-, CHAIN 1, 1342, SYED, 37765/-, CHAIN 1, 1354, CHANDRABAYI, 77051/-, CHAIN 1, 1364, NAGARAJU, 59859/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 1426, HARISHA KUMAR, 39407/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 1436, MAHADEVAPRASAD, 102855/-, NECKLACE 1, 1459, MOHAMED SAIFULLA, 170291/-, NECKLACE 1, 1460, MOHAMED SAIFULLA, 58334/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 1474, DEVARAJU S, 37240/-, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 1, 1475, DEVARAJU S, 11219/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1480, RAVIKUMAR, 19350/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1482, RAVIKUMAR, 17365/-, MATTI 2, 1504, GNANA PRAKASHA, 44950/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, BANGALORE, HANUMANTH NAGAR, 108940700031938, YOGANANDA N, 19990/-, BRACELET 1, 2280, ANUSHAMN, 7400/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2305, DILEEP KUMAR, 14500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2391, SATHYANARAYANA BABU, 34906/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2417, DINESH HEDGE, 41995/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 2422, VINAY R, 76348/-, BANGLE 2, 2423, VINAY R, 75500/-, NECKLACE 1, 3024, SRINIVAS, 20300/-, STUD 4, 3030, SUHASINI V, 27000/-, CHAIN 1, 3052, SANJEEVAKUMAR DESHPANDE, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3081, PUTTALINGAIAH HC, 10618/-, STUD 2, 3093, SRINIVASAR, 108863/-, CHAIN 1, 3117, SRINIVAS K, 72000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, STUD 4, 3125, CHANDRAK, 130003/-, NECKLACE 1, 3129, MADHUSUDHANAC, 99999/-, BRACELET 1, 3131, MANJUNATH B C, 26000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3134, KOWSHIK R, 121121/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 3149, RAVI C, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3153, PADMAVATHI, 9729/-, STUD 3, 108940730017637, ANUSHA M, 38993/-, CHAIN 1, 7638, ANUSHA M, 15990/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 7639, ANUSHA M, 17559/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8016, SUKESH S B, 44430/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 8142, KARUNAKAR REDDY K, 455348/-, BANGLE 4, NECKLACE 2, 8143, KARUNAKAR REDDY K, 216048/-, BRACELET 1, NECKLACE 1, 8269, SUKESH S B, 186921/-, NECKLACE 2, 8505, SHIVALINGA, 126028/-, DROPS & STUD 2, NECKLACE 1, 8651, MANJUNATHA K N, 10060/-, STUD 2, 8652, MANJUNATHA K N, 21917/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9080, LATHARANI M, 70370/-, CHAIN 1, 9113, YATISH N, 7335/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9114, YATISH N, 20089/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9403, CHELUURAJU M, 83203/-, CHAIN 1, 108940730020785, PRABHAKAR, 27365/-, STUD 2, 0951, RAGHAVENDRAKS, 28020/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0960, MANU C, 72913/-, CHAIN 1, 0963, MADHU KUMAR U B, 20620/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 0964, MADHU KUMAR U B, 101360/-, CHAIN 2, DROPS & STUD 4, 1061, SRINIVAS S R, 22993/-, CHAIN 1, 1062, SRINIVAS R, 13365/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1171, NAGESH S, 19039/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1205, SHANKAR M, 36758/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 1206, SHANKAR M, 50680/-, CHAIN 1, 1207, SHANKAR M, 70599/-, BRACELET 1, 1233, SHIVAKUMAR, 42499/-, STUD 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 1259, SUNIL KUMAR S, 25798/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1285, SHANMUGAM S, 114997/-, NECKLACE 1, 1286, SHANMUGAM S, 144980/-, CHAIN 1, BANGALORE, HAROHALLI, 110340700058356, CHANDRAKALA N, 10000/-, STUD 2, 8603, RUKMINI, 49805/-, NECKLACE 1, 9027, DILEEP KUMAR B K, 16124/-, MATTI 2, 9276, RAVIKUMARA, 20000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9307, SHIVARAJU, 13370/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9333, LAKSHMI, 988

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 19/ 06/ 2021 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website. The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

HASSAN, HASAN MYSORE ROAD, 103880700775696, RADHA, 140140/-, NECKLACE 1, 5699, AZIZ KHAN .M, 43000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 5,STUD 2, 5701, MOHANKUMARA K R, 21949/-, CHAIN 1, 5711, DHANUJAG S, 18000/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 103880730017006, GIRISH B G, 16450/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7007, GIRISH B G, 73200/-, CHAIN 1, 7557, DARSHAN S, 75430/-, NECKLACE 1, 7558, DARSHAN S, 71768/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 7905, CHANNAKESHAWA J, 19934/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8239, MALLESH S D, 49973/-, FINGER RINGS 3,STUD 6, 8243, MALLESH S D, 7981/-, STUD 2, 8245, MALLESH S D, 9987/-, STUD 2, 8337, RAJU H D, 21269/-, CHAIN 1, 8587, KALAVATHY, 10180/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 8687, THIRTHA KUMAR S.B, 73613/-, NECKLACE 1, 8694, JAYARAM, 66918/-, FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 8721, SHIVARAJ J A, 21395/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8734, DINESHA D, 90646/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 8752, SYEDAJMAL, 19401/-, FINGER RINGS 4, 8816, NATARAJA, 12829/-, STUD 2, 8817, PARMESH, 14287/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8819, RAMESHA, 5966/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8840, BHAVANI B R, 19679/-, CHAIN 1, 8887, AKKAYYAMMA, 8250/-, STUD 2, 9057, RANJAN H P, 20015/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9074, VENKATARAMA S, 8692/-, STUD 2, 9477, BHAYA H B, 81754/-, FINGER RINGS 1,LOCKET 2,MATTI 2,NECKLACE 1,STUD 2, 9802, SHANKARA S S, 300608/-, BROAD BANGLES 4, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 2,NECKLACE 1, 103880730020020, PARAMAHALAKSHMI, 101268/-, NECKLACE 1, 0039, BHARATH NAIK, 13970/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0044, UMESHA K C, 45166/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 0045, UMESHA K C, 32602/-, CHAIN 1, 0047, AKASH H Y, 40650/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 0049, SOMASHEKARA, 34008/-, CHAIN 1, 0056, BHUDESHA, 34384/-, CHAIN 1, 0057, S P GURUMURTHY, 40000/-, CHAIN 1, 0059, CHETHAN K M, 11236/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0062, BASAVARAJU T K, 71012/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 0081, THOPEGOWDA, 23549/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0082, RAMESH, 20396/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0099, DEEPAK A P, 7460/-, STUD 2, 0100, DEEPAK A P, 17150/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0101, DEEPAK A P, 12570/-, STUD 2, 0106, BHARATH NAIK, 13199/-, CHAIN 1, 0109, THIMMEGOWDA, 12274/-, STUD 4, 0117, PRAVEEN KUMAR M R, 16870/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0118, JAYARAMU K V, 17660/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0120, SHANKAR H S, 32876/-, CHAIN 1, 0134, PRAKASH M S, 16997/-, STUD 2, 0157, SHETTY GOWDA, 9547/-, DROPS 2,STUD 2, 0171, PRAVEEN KUMAR K, 10830/-, DROPS 2, 0208, SYEDAJMAL, 53820/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 0228, SHIVAMMA, 5000/-, STUD 2, 0230, M C VIDYASHRI, 212771/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 1, 0235, LAVANYA S K, 24000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0236, LAVANYA S K, 9000/-, STUD 2, 0237, YOGISH NAIK, 16456/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 0244, MOHAN KUMAR, 7573/-, DROPS 2, 0245, REKHA H S, 14015/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0251, H M JEEVAN, 17409/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 0258, CHANDRU K P, 82818/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 4, 0259, CHANDRU K P, 30309/-, STUD 4, 0260, PAVITHRA B G, 33398/-, CHAIN 1,STUD 1, 0270, SANTHOSH K R, 49508/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 0281, SYEDAJMAL, 14007/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0289, DEEPIKA U, 125013/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 4, 0309, NIRMALA T R, 8988/-, STUD 1, 0328, MANJUNATH B S, 104487/-, CHAIN 1, HASSAN, 108960700039318, KALEEL, 8606/-, FINGER RINGS 1,LOCKET 1, 108960700041961, VASAANTHA C.T, 24027/-, CHAIN 1, 2299, RAMESH, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0249, MOHANKUMAR S R, 19693/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2717, MOHAMMED JAN, 89604/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 2718, MOHAMMED JAN, 114000/-, CHAIN 1, 2743, JANARDHAN B V, 30000/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 2904, PRASANNA, 12386/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3154, CHETHAN KUMAR K H, 21000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3194, NAGESHA Y H, 40988/-, DROPS & STUD 4,MATTI 2, 3352, CHETHAN KUMAR K H, 23000/-, CHAIN 1, 3463, THEJ MURTHY, 9993/-, STUD 2, 3544, PRAVEEN KUMAR H K, 4598/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3527, JAYAKUMARI, 9000/-, STUD 2, 3579, RESHMAANJUMA, 33000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3600, DHARMENDRA, 21387/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3609, RAVISIDDANA K, 9880/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3628, SRINIVASA H, 9985/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3656, MUMTHAZ KURESHI, 12929/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3657, RANGASWAMY, 7067/-, STUD 2, 3706, SHIVAPRASAD N R, 13958/-, CHAIN 1, 4514, SHEKRAJ, 44000/-, NECKLACE 1, 4525, SHIVAKUMARA J, 8667/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4538, ANITHA, 68900/-, CHAIN 2, 4545, MANJUNATHA HN, 17000/-, STUD 2, 4550, JAYA KUMARA D K, 35000/-, CHAIN 1, 4551, KRISHNAMURTHY, 33000/-, STUD 6, 4552, PARVEEN BANU, 12500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4554, SYED JAVED, 8545/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4561, JAGADISH H B, 35000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 4580, SHARATH M K, 28800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4589, THEJASVI, 15200/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4590, MAHESH H M, 15000/-, BRACELET 1, 4592, MANJUNATHA D B, 75000/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 4593, MALLESH, 8700/-, STUD 2, 4634, ROHITHA P, 14200/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 4645, PRAKASH K, 9492/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4647, RUPENDRA KUMARA M H, 64000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 4662, VIJAYAKUMAR H E, 12000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4666, JAGADISHA, 6300/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4667, MOHAN KUMARA B M, 27880/-, FINGER RINGS 3,STUD 2, 4668, ABDHULLA YASIN, 18000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4679, SAVITHA, 11700/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4692, FIZA, 25000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4698, TILAK K L, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 4713, ARUN D K, 3000/-, STUD 2, 4715, MURALIKRISHNA, 25799/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4722, MOHAMED SALEEM, 130000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 4723, SHIRIN TAJ, 51000/-, CHAIN 1, 4724, PRADIP K P, 8000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4725, MANJULA S S, 82591/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 6,FINGER RINGS 2, 4732, MANJUNATHA C A, 96600/-, CHAIN 1, 4736, SHEKRAJ, 45000/-, CHAIN 1, 4739, SUSHEELAMMA, 12000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4740, FIZA, 65254/-, CHAIN 1, 4763, MANJUNATHA C A, 133959/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 4765, SOMESH, 23000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4770, JYOTHI, 94998/-, CHAIN 1, 4780, RAJESHWARI, 17073/-, STUD 2, 4790, YOGESH, 37000/-, CHAIN 1, 108960730006781, YOGESH U D, 5931/-, STUD 2, 6818, SHAYEEN TAJ, 4237/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6887, KARUNAKAR K R, 7291/-, STUD 2, 6975, MANU M L, 5558/-, STUD 2, 7003, AVINASH M P, 9400/-, STUD 4, 7630, CHETHAN KUMAR K H, 99143/-, CHAIN 1, 7933, VIJESH K, 24670/-, BRACELET 1, 7946, CHETHAN KUMAR K H, 14781/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8315, SACHINA J, 9018/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8326, AYESHA SIDDIIQA, 39000/-, CHAIN 1, 8366, NAGESH H S, 17965/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8371, PRASANNAK J, 17634/-, BRACELET 1, 8453, REETA H N, 68988/-, CHAIN 1, 8467, SUHEELAHAMED, 174989/-, CHAIN 1, 8524, MANJUNATHA H K, 35499/-, CHAIN 1, 8559, SANTHOSH KUMAR, 19400/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8564, VIJAYAKUMARI, 9980/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9161, SYEED WASIM, 9540/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9162, SYEED WASIM, 13240/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 9174, SYEED WASIM, 37777/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9181, LAKSHAMAN, 7476/-, STUD 2, 9194, UDAYA KRISHNA M, 7100/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9195, UDAYA KRISHNA M, 10700/-, STUD 2, 9205, ROOHI FARHATH, 12895/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9222, PRUTHVIKACHAR H R, 90540/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 4,STUD 4, 9226, N K BYRESH, 12015/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9233, NASEEMA, 32743/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 9236, VIJAYA KUMAR H E, 41940/-, DROPS & STUD 6, 9242, MAHESH H M, 219345/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 5,LOCKET 2,NECKLACE 1, 9245, ANSAR AHAMED, 76376/-, CHAIN 1, 9256, JYOTHI, 88329/-, CHAIN 1, 9262, HARISH, 16636/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9268, SURESH K N, 11637/-, STUD 2, 9269, SURESH K N, 34068/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 9272, ABHILASH S R, 10115/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9285, MANU M, 68600/-, BRACELET 1, 9286, MANU M, 91220/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 9287, MANU M, 24500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9288, MANU M, 50371/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 9290, SAVITHA, 11600/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9291, JAKEER, 10800/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 9292, KIRAN KUMAR, 21900/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 9313, KRISHNE GOWD, 50840/-, NECKLACE 1,STUD 2, 9314, KRISHNE GOWD, 26720/-, DROPS & STUD 4,MATTI 2, 9323, MURALIKRISHNA, 48210/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 9324, MURALIKRISHNA, 76460/-, NECKLACE 1, 9329, IMRAN KHAN, 39679/-, CHAIN 1, 9330, IMRAN KHAN, 74892/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, 9333, MEHER TAJ, 17688/-, BRACELET 1, 9334, MEHER TAJ, 18388/-, EAR RINGS 2, 9336, ANOOP T M, 24460/-, MATTI 2,STUD 2, 9339, NAGMAKHAN, 23000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9342, KUMAR H P, 13900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9343, KUMAR H P, 86000/-, CHAIN 1, 9345, LOKESHA, 20920/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 9346, MURALIKRISHNA, 32570/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9347, PRADEEP, 21600/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9351, HAMEED, 15630/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 9352, HAMEED, 69260/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 9353, HAMEED, 27430/-, STUD 2, 9366, PARAMESHA, 54982/-, CHAIN 1, 9369, PRASD H M, 20100/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9371, SHIVA KUMAR K S, 23310/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 9376, VISHWAS K, 7000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 9389, ARUNKUMAR A P, 22615/-, DROPS 2,STUD 2, 7827, JAVANNACHAR K C, 50000/-, CHAIN 1, 7828, PREMA, 29051/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7862, JAVANNACHAR K B, 241939/-, BRACELET 1,BROAD BANGLES 2,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1,STUD 2, 7873, RAVI J, 7985/-, MATTI 2, 8033, RAFAEE Y A, 68180/-, CHAIN 1, 8062, NANDEESHAAC, 12469/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8107, RAMU M T, 48055/-, CHAIN 1, 8360, SIDDAIAH, 11054/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8454, SRINIVASA P, 15603/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8455, SRINIVASA P, 45985/-, CHAIN 1, 8463, PYARE LAL LOHAR, 78233/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS 2,DROPS & STUD 4,STUD 2, 8488, ASHWINI BABU T, 94929/-, CHAIN 1, 8525, GANESHA, 40907/-, CHAIN 1, 8571, SEETHA, 25644/-, DROPS & STUD 2,STUD 2, 8639, SHIVARAJU R, 62322/-, FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 8681, PYARE LAL LOHAR, 63015/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8682, PYARE LAL LOHAR, 105643/-, CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8710, SURESH KUMAR G, 118922/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 6,MATTI 2,STUD 4, 8765, SEETHA, 59716/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 12, BANGALORE, HEBBAGODI, 109510700054849, ASHOK, FINGER RINGS 1, 5712, KUMAR, 49995/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 5744, GHAN SHYAM, 9500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6013, SHARADA C, 55646/-, CHAIN 1, 6041, JAYASH P, 91362/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 6042, JAYASH P, 142142/-, NECKLACE 1, 6043, JAYASH P, 99000/-, CHAIN 2, 6044, JAYASH P, 54964/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 6045, JAYASH P, 78935/-, NECKLACE 1, 6058, JAYASH P, 196813/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 6160, RAMAKRISHNAB M, 60881/-, BRACELET 1, 6231, BETTEGOWDAM C C, 26899/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 6390, S JAVI, 26971/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6487, KUMARAK G, 9983/-, U-DROPS & STUD 2, 6488, SARAVANAN, 44500/-, CHAIN 1, 6489, RAJU V N, 57000/-, CHAIN 1, 6564, SUJATHA, 55996/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 6571, LAXMI JAY, 31997/-, CHAIN 1, 6580, BABYJAIAN, 80505/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6631, SARAVANAN S, 75000/-, NECKLACE 1, 6676, KALPATHARU BIHARI, 31700/-, FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 6682, SELVARAJ, 19879/-, CHAIN 1, 6738, KAJAPPA MANE, 12000/-, STUD 2, 6749, SUNJOJA S, 40989/-, BABY BANGLES 1,BRACELET 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 6755, RAVI, 4795/-, STUD 2, 6858, GHAN SHYAM, 21000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6882, SATISHAM, 35000/-, U-DROPS & STUD 2, 7561, RAGHU S, 71000/-, CHAIN 1, 7598, MEENAKSHI, 19984/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 7694, LOKESH REDDY, 127127/-, CHAIN 1, 7705, GHAN SHYAM, 14000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7706, SUJATHA, 66000/-, CHAIN 1, 7709, SUJATHA, 34134/-, BANGLE 1,FINGER RINGS 6,NECKLACE 2,STUD 22, 7711, RAVI V, 16000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7715, SUDHAKAR P, 59000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7718, RAVI V, 40000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 7734, HARISH KUMAR, 19000/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 7737, RATHEESH KUMAR, 27000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7739, HYDER ALI S HOLL, 50217/-, BRACELET 1,NECKLACE 1, 7745, RAMESH, 51000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 7748, JHONSON J K, 19406/-, ANGLEWARE 2,WAIST BELT 1, 7755, GHAN SHYAM, 22000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 7760, MANUKUMAR R, 15585/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7761, PRABHU M, 40900/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7762, PRABHU M, 27000/-, MATTI 2, 7763, PRABHU M, 56000/-, BANGLE 2, 7775, S RAJA, 54000/-, CHAIN 1, 7787, GHAN SHYAM, 10000/-, STUD 2, 7788, JERISH, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7790, MANJUNATH M, 4000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7798, CHEVURI REENULATHA, 54000/-, BANGLE 2, 7800, LASSI MURULIDHAR, 14000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7825, RESHMA THOMAS, 93460/-, ANGLEWARE 1,BRACELET 1,BROAD BANGLES 1, 7830, RAGHU S, 47000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7839, SIDDARAJU, 20000/-, CHAIN 1, 7855, SUMA, 85000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7868, MANU G, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7869, M MANOHARA, 38000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS 4, 7873, GURURAJA S J, 74000/-, CHAIN 1, 7874, GURURAJA S J, 83000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 7878, PRABHU M, 17731/-, CHAIN 1, 7881, SIDDARAJU, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7887, SHARADA C, 18000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7889, SREENIVAS M, 49000/-, CHAIN 1,ELAS 1, 7910, THALAKANTI RAM KIRAN REDDY, 32000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 7929, ELIZABETH, 15000/-, CHAIN 1, 7930, NETHAJI K, 25000/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 7933, VASU I R, 23000/-, DROPS 2, 7937, VASU I R, 41000/-, CHAIN 1, 7939, DORASALA VENKATABABUL REDDY, 110110/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,NECKLACE 1, 7943, BRIJITH LALA, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7944, SELVARAJ, 13053/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7949, VASU I R, 49116/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 7963, SENTIL MURUGAN S, 31000/-, CHAIN 1, 7967, PALANIVEL, 22000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,LOCKET 1, 7969, VENUGOPAL, 58247/-, CHAIN 1, 7976, SUJATHA, 87000/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 7977, SUJATHA, 10358/-, STUD 2, 7980, JAYASH P, 64000/-, BANGLE 2, 7983, NAGESHAK, 35000/-, CHAIN 1, 7987, SHIVAPPA, 18989/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 8000, BASAVARAJU V, 72000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 8002, GHAN SHYAM, 58000/-, BANGLE 1, 8014, VENKATARAMAPPA, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 8017, PRABHU M, 68835/-, NECKLACE 1, 8018, NAGARATHINA K, 27000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8019, N NANDAKUMAR, 9000/-, EAR RINGS 2, 8025, VENKATASWAMY S, 19495/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8031, RAMESH K, 107107/-, CHAIN 1, 8032, PRAVEEN KUMAR, 59000/-, CHAIN 1, 8037, KRISHNAK, 221791/-, NECKLACE 1, 109510730019151, MASTHANAYYA, 45603/-, CHAIN 1, 5968, RAGHAVENDRA PUTHRAN, 108300/-, NECKLACE 1, 6218, NAGARAJ M, 51621/-, NECKLACE 1, 6223, NAGARAJ M, 14709/-, STUD 2, 6800, SATISH, 78920/-, CHAIN 1, 6944, SATISHA M, 41680/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 4, 6961, SADASHIVA, 22923/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6976, ASHOK, 92851/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 7902, RAVI M S, 20750/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 8221, VANAMMALA BALRAJU, 6773/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 8294, SATISH SOMESHWARKUMARE, 299741/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 8304, RAVI KUMAR M, 159842/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 8310, ANIL KUMARA S, 6938/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8320, ANIL KUMARA S, 7920/-, STUD 2, 8321, ANIL KUMARA S, 24680/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 8385, THIRUMALAI, 29700/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 2, 8577, KIRANKUMAR GULAGOUДАР, 57029/-, CHAIN 1, 8585, NAGARAJU NC, 40105/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 8675, SAGAR C, 71072/-, CHAIN 1, 8883, RAMESH R, 50480/-, CHAIN 1, 8894, VANAMALA BALRAJU, 53280/-, CHAIN 1, 8952, NAGARAJU, 143097/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 4, 9145, ADARSH A, 5329/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9227, SATISH, 36685/-, CHAIN 1, 9307, ADARSH A, 10160/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9314, GOVARDAN N, 88871/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 9347, UMESH, 27767/-, CHAIN 1, 9366, ASHOKAH G, 25692/-, DROPS 4, 9369, MANJESHA, 29914/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 9533, MRUDULA SURENDRAN, 41000/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 9584, SURAJAHYAM SUNDAR, 133398/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9771, GEORGE A, 34896/-, CHAIN 1, 9977, YALLAPPA, 17831/-, CHAIN 1, 109510730030034, MANJUNATH GANAPATI SHET, 16280/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0074, NAGARAJU NC, 46123/-, NECKLACE 1, 0092, SRI SHAILA S B, 23970/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0093, SRI SHAILA S B, 34170/-, CHAIN 1, 0097, NAVEEN KUMAR K, 3982/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0464, P DANASHEKAR, 33374/-, CHAIN 1, 0466, SHRISHA SUGATHAN, 170112/-, BANGLE 2,BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,EAR RINGS 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 0467, SHRISHA SUGATHAN, 181028/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,NECKLACE 1, 0497, VENKATESH M, 19021/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0560, IMMANUEL I, 8349/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0563, IMMANUELI, 18489/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0596, SARAVANAN S, 11970/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0689, GOPI S, 51000/-, CHAIN 1, 0691, SATHISH V, 127138/-, BRACELET 1, 0692, SATHISH V, 37007/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 0853, SHARADAC, 10517/-, STUD 2, 0977, SENTHILKUMAR G, 62246/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 1363, GOPINATH C, 96795/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 1429, VENKATESH M, 29473/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3092, GOPAL, 7163/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3343, GANGADHAR, 9911/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3501, RAGHU S, 55104/-, FINGER RINGS 3,STUD 4, 3804, ANIL RATHOD, 13084/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3851, HARISH R, 148252/-, FINGER RINGS 2,NECKLACE 1, 3852, VINAY Y, 74574/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 3856, SUDHAKAR P, 41290/-, CHAIN 1, 3895, VASU I R, 51013/-, CHAIN 1, 3953, JHONSON J K, 211068/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 2, 3955, RAGHUPATHY S, 24809/-, MATTI 2, 3956, RAGHUPATHY S, 25993/-, CHAIN 1, 3958, MAHALAKSHMI, 18783/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3959, MAHALAKSHMI, 9877/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3971, ALEXANDER, 10505/-, FINGER RINGS 1,LOCKET 1, 3972, ALEXANDER, 2100/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3973, ALEXANDER, 10328/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3993, PRUDHVI SAI K, 27267/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4007, MARI SWAMY BM, 18928/-, CHAIN 1, 4056, IMRAN BASHA, 86139/-, CHAIN 1, 1623, SHIVAKUMAR S, 14981/-, STUD 2, 1627, KRISHNAMURTHY S.L, 23876/-, STUD 2, 2315, PRAKASHA, 20500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2317, SATYA NARAYANAP, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2323, SHILPASRI V N, 31000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2324, PRAKASHA A, 85000/-, CHAIN 1, 2332, KIRANKUMAR M S, 12000/-, BRACELET 1, 2341, PRAKASHA, 9500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2360, VEENAPRIYADARSHINI, 40000/-, STUD 6, 2374, HARSHITH KUMAR, 14300/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2387, PUSHPALATHAN, 27500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2404, RAGHU D R, 99999/-, CHAIN 1, 2408, SAVITHA, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2424, SHIVAKUMAR S, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 2437, MOHANKUMAR J, 35000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,LOCKET 1, 2463, PRADEEP D R, 10500/-, STUD 2, 2473, MOHANKUMAR J, 238238/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 2, 2478, KESHAVAMURTHY, 28000/-, CHAIN 1, 115590730019742, KRISHNAMURTHY M, 29673/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9758, S MANJULA, 37900/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 9763, TEJASWINI N, 20468/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9767, SUNIL B K, 88131/-, CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 6, 9902, CHETHAN B K, 15066/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 9966, KANNABADI NANDISH N, 137988/-, CHAIN 1, 1155907300240046, KANNABADI NANDISH N, 76134/-, CHAIN 1, 0047, KANNABADI NANDISH N, 74331/-, BRACELET 1, 0192, RAJU D, 14700/-, STUD 2, 0254, TULISIRAM PRASAD, 198130/-, CHAIN 1, 0433, TEJASWININI, 23695/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0452, SHRUNGAD R, 75915/-, NECKLACE 1, 0486, ARUNA S C, 22010/-, DROPS & STUD 8,LOCKET 1, 1303, KRISHNAL, 105266/-, CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 4699, SOMASHEKARAK R, 90024/-, BANGLE 2, 4766, AKASH R, 33830/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4, 4836, SHRIDHARA, 42340/-, CH



INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.
— Ramnath Goenka

BJP DRAWS ANTI-TRS FORCES AS CONG CEDES T'GANA SPACE

After its plans for expansion in the South flopped both in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, and with the prospects not so bright in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana offers the only ray of hope for the Bharatiya Janata Party. The hope, too, stems from the absolute misery the Congress faces even in states where it was once a powerful political player. Telangana is one of the few states where those dissatisfied with the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi, which is into its second term, practically have no alternative to look at other than the BJP. Despite successive defeats at the hustings, both in the state elections in 2018 and the string of bypolls later, the Congress has not even settled its leadership question, though the incumbent sent in his resignation multiple times. No political party that wants to be relevant can push itself so deep into the pit that coming out of it would become almost impossible.

Viewed in this context, the choice that former minister in the KCR government, Eatala Rajender, appears to have made is not surprising. Dismissed from the Cabinet and official agencies sent after him to hurt his financial interests, Rajender perhaps found no other way except taking a flight to Delhi to meet top BJP leaders seeking shelter; his formal joining is slated to happen sooner than later. At least getting associated with the party in power at the Centre will make him less vulnerable, or so he seems to think.

For the BJP, it has nothing to lose, even if there are no immediate gains. After the impressive performance in the Hyderabad corporation elections, the saffron party couldn't put up even a decent show in the other polls that followed. Its local leaders, though, lose no opportunity to project that the BJP is the only alternative to TRS in 2023. A more arduous path for the once Marxist-Leninist Rajender could have been to float another regional formation and seek to emerge as the cohesive force for all non-TRS entities. But that requires a lot of hard work and risk-taking. When financial interests dictate political decision-making, there aren't too many choices.

PUT AN END TO AP 'MEDICINE' TAMASHA

A strange spectacle unfolded recently at Krishnapatnam in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. Thousands of people, including an unknown number of Covid patients, queued up to receive so-called herbal medicines prepared by Anandaiah, a local medical practitioner with no qualifications except claims of knowledge inherited from ancestors. He boasts his medicines, which include eye drops as well, could cure corona patients. A startled state government swung into action and police dispersed the crowds but not before the word had spread like wildfire.

First of all, it was surprising that so many made it to Krishnapatnam, many even from hospital beds, right under the nose of the district administration at a time when Section 144 and partial curfew were in force. Apparently, local politicians hyped up the event, relegating officials to the background. But the matter did not end there. Subsequently, the government roped in experts from the AYUSH ministry and ICMR to evaluate Anandaiah's bizarre preparations and the man himself moved the High Court seeking permission to let him administer the medicines. The upshot of all this was that the government finally gave the green signal to three of his medicines after finding that they had no side-effects but ignoring the opinion of Ayurvedic experts that Anandaiah's alleged cure has nothing much to do with Ayurveda. The district administration has now decided to supply the medicines online. Should people like Anandaiah be allowed to distribute medicines that obviously do not have any scientific basis? Should the government waste its precious time and resources on this? Hundreds of patients who took the medicine are still in hospital; there is not a single case of complete recovery following the consumption of these medicines.

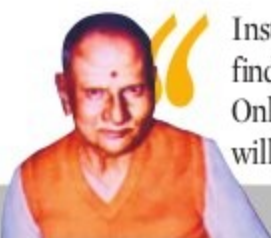
The state government ought to have stopped supply of this alleged cure instead of giving its nod. Many patients, who are afraid of going to hospital, are very likely to believe in the unproven efficacy of Anandaiah's concoctions until it is too late. Allowing the man to continue to distribute the medicine is counter-productive. At least now, the government should turn a deaf ear to politicians of all hues and put an end to the tamasha.

EDITORIAL

BENGALURU

FRIDAY 04.06.2021

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS



Instead of searching for what you do not have, find out what it is that you have never lost. ... Only when you realise the true peace, that peace will remain with you for it was never away

Nisargadatta Maharaj

newindianexpress.com

Covid has increased both the number of poor and the wealth inequality in the country. This is unlikely to get reversed soon

INCREASING INEQUALITY AND THE PANDEMIC

PROSENIT DATTA



Senior business journalist

The latest CSO estimate that the Indian economy shrank by 7.3% in FY21 caused many economists to heave a sigh of relief. It could have been worse—the CSO had earlier estimated that the GDP would fall by 8%.

The discussion now is about how the economy will do in the current financial year. The optimism at the beginning of the year has given way to a more cautious outlook because of the havoc wreaked by the second wave of the virus. Most observers are now resigned to the fact that the GDP will grow in single digits—and not in double digits as had been predicted earlier. That too, if no fresh crisis erupts.

The bigger worry is the nature of the recovery. It seems very likely that India will exit the pandemic with a sharp increase in the number of poor and a much higher wealth disparity. A minuscule slice of the population would increase their net worth while many in the middle class will be pushed into the ranks of the poor. The already poor would slip further down. This will have ramifications for society and India's economic growth over the medium term.

Not everything should be

blamed on the pandemic—the economy began slowing and unemployment started rising a good two years before the virus came visiting.

By the middle of 2020, it was already clear that the pandemic had increased inequality. A handful of big, well-capitalised firms were doing better than ever even though the market had shrunk. They gained market share, cut costs and squeezed out smaller rivals.

In a strong economy, there are often opportunities even for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to do well. In a contracting economy, the financially strong eat the lunch of the weaker firms.

A study by a newspaper showed that the combined net profit of the listed firms was up 57.6% in FY21—the corporate profit share in India's gross domestic product (GDP) hit a 10-year high of 2.63%. The stock markets have cheered this by rising to new highs despite the overall economic gloom. This has increased the wealth of promoters and smart investors.

But SMEs are suffering. A survey of over 6,000 SMEs and startups by a social media platform found that many of them were scaling down. Over 40% of the en-

trepreneurs surveyed said that they were running out of cash.

Rising inequality could also be seen in the simultaneous rise in the number of billionaires as well as the unemployed. Half-a-dozen billionaires have joined the ranks of those already perched on the top of the wealth ladder. Meanwhile, the number of unemployed has been rising relentlessly in both the formal and informal sectors.

Once economic activity resumed last year after the lockdown ended, not all jobs that had been lost came back. In 2020, Covid pushed nearly 23 crore people into poverty, a study by Azim Premji University had estimated. In the second wave, things have been worse. CMIE estimates that over 10 million jobs vanished in this



Half-a-dozen billionaires have joined the ranks of those already perched on the top of the wealth ladder. Meanwhile, the number of unemployed has been rising relentlessly in both the formal and informal sectors

lines and regulations, but how can people all over the world, at least some of the social media platforms have started showing their real colours. There are at least three issues involved in the ongoing debate that merit response from the platforms. It starts with their opacity. The decision-making process of these public media organisations has neither any room for stakeholder participation nor any structured and well-defined grievance redressal mechanism. Nobody knows as to how their algorithms operate. The Twitterati have some lingering doubts about sudden changes in their number of followers, retweets, etc. All this smacks of complete disregard for the principle of transparency and public accountability on the part of platforms. Even in the face of the latest row over labelling tweets as "manipulated media", there is absolutely no clarity as to how Twitter has come to this conclusion. And how can any platform sit in judgement as per its whims and fancies? Besides, it is also noteworthy that no social media intermediary has come forward arguing about the robustness of the technology or algorithms used, disallowing any suspected mischief or manipulation. All this naturally calls for a transparent oversight mechanism for social media in the larger interest of democracy.

The second contentious point is, why did some of the platforms choose to disregard the new regulations for such a long time? Is it



The most important issue is whether social media intermediaries are just platforms or if they are into publishing, as they are using a kind of editorial prerogative. They must understand it was open access, truly democratic nature and non-partisan character that made them stand apart. The refusal to protect these features creates strong suspicion about their intent

SOCIAL MEDIA EATS INTO ITS OWN VITALS

VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE



President, ICCR, and BJP Rajya Sabha MP

The reluctance of social media intermediaries to abide by the new government regulations is inexplicable in the first place. Looking at the recent developments and the recalcitrant approach of social media platforms, allowing this sluggish to continue would prove to be detrimental to their credibility. One can only hope that these platforms would not eat into their own vital organs like *Bhasmasura*, the mythological character known for unwittingly causing self-destruction.

To start with, what exactly compelled the government to propose some regulations and give a window of three months to the platforms to abide by them? The fact remains that social media saw phenomenal increase in the number of users, especially in the last five years. There were 448 million social media users in India in January 2021. These figures have seen an increase by 78 million (21%) within just one year, between 2020 and 2021. According to some unofficial estimates, about 32% Indians today are using social media.

Despite their growing popularity, the conduct on and by most social media platforms had become a cause of concern practically for all. In January 2019, Na-

tasha Tusikov, a criminology expert and academic, wrote in a co-authored article that Facebook "stands accused by a United Nations agency of contributing to a genocide in Myanmar by failing to effectively police hate speech on its platform. Others have noted how radio played a similar role in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Facebook is only the most obviously awful of the social media platforms that have become so central to our social, economic and political lives. All of the major (for-profit, American) social media platforms have been tainted by scandals, from Instagram's link to Russia's 2016 US Presidential Operation to YouTube's algorithmic propensity to serve up neo-Nazi propaganda, and Twitter's ongoing failure to police white supremacists on its platform". Whether or not these allegations stand scrutiny, the platforms need to come clean for sure. Obviously, then, an urgent need to regulate the way they function was felt in India too. Hence the government issued a set of guidelines/regulations in February last, giving a clear three-month window to implement them. Social media intermediaries may have some issues with these guide-

MAIL BAG WRITE TO: letters@newindianexpress.com

Welcome intervention

The Supreme Court's observation, "The Indian Constitution does not envisage courts to be silent spectators when constitutional rights of citizens are infringed by executive policies", shows that our courts have risen to the occasion at a time of complete chaos in administering vaccines to people (*Strong SC does to Centre*, June 3). Moreover, the apex court has rightly asked the government to explain how the ₹35,000 crore allotted in the Budget for vaccination has been used.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Vaccinating our children

It has been predicted that a third wave of Covid could affect children the most. It's time for the government to come out with a plan for vaccinating the kids to

protect them from the virus. Thorough research needs to be done on the efficacy of the existing vaccines in children, while at the time sprucing up paediatric care centres with adequate supply of oxygen, life-saving equipment and drugs.

R Srikrishna, Bengaluru

Centre should buy in bulk

The apex court has rightly pointed out that the Centre would receive hefty discounts if it purchases vaccines in bulk. Further, some states have even faced cyclones recently. So it does not make sense for states to procure jabs.

Aanya Singhal, Noida

People should do their bit

After a massive surge in Covid cases last month, the numbers are coming down after the implementation of lockdowns.

We should also contribute to fighting Covid, not only by taking the vaccine but also by following the guidelines.

Manoj Kumar Jena, Cuttack

Ramp up production

There has been criticism from our politicians that six crore vials of India-made vaccines were exported to foreign countries before the second wave. Once people started realising the importance of vaccines, this led to scarcity with senior citizens like me made to wait for a second dose even after the due date. Now there is no use crying over the issue and we have to note that the life-saving jab would have been used by some citizen of another country. Our country should now ramp up vaccine production. The pandemic has affected all countries and only when every

individual in the world is protected can the earth be free of the killer virus.

Rajakumar Arulanandham, Palayamkottai

Learn from Odisha

This is with reference to *Disaster management lessons from Odisha* (June 1). The state was at the mercy of natural calamities for decades. In a welcome step, the Naveen Patnaik government has introduced disaster and pandemic management in school and college curricula. Besides, the state has decided to train everyone from ward members to the chief minister on them. The whole country should emulate Odisha and prepare for climate change and biological disasters like the Covid pandemic.

S Sathavu, Theni

TN govt has done well

The DMK government in TN has been a breath of fresh air. The Covid pandemic is being dealt with on a war footing by the government and I am sure we will soon be out of the woods soon.

Radha Mohan, Chennai

Fake news in social media

WhatsApp has moved court challenging the new government rules and cited the right to privacy. But many are using social media platforms to propagate fake news, which poses a threat to society as well as the nation. Even during this pandemic, many have been misguided by social media. There should be a way to trace the origin of problematic messages without affecting the privacy of other stakeholders.

M Rishidev, Dindigul

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

Chairman of the Board: Manoj Kumar Sonthalia Editor: GS Vasu

Resident Editor (Karnataka): Santwana Bhattacharya* Published by RK Jhunjhunwala on behalf of Express Publications (Madurai) Private Limited, at No. 1, Queen's Road, Bengaluru - 560 001 and printed by him at: Express Press, Plot No. 2A, Bommasandra Industrial Area, 4th Phase, Survey No. 46, Part Varadahal Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 099, Bengaluru. Vol. 57, No. 132 RNI Reg. No. 3457/1960. Phone: 080-22866893. * Responsible for selection of News under the PRB Act. Copyright: Express Publications (Madurai) Private Limited. All rights reserved. Reproduction in any manner, electronic or otherwise, in whole or in part, without prior written permission is prohibited.

Breakthrough infections rare & not fatal: AIIMS study

Research at Delhi hospital shows zero fatality in 63 positive cases after either first or second dose, long bouts of fever prevalent in most



Covid-19 awareness campaign, in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu on Thursday | PTI

ICMR examines vax role in reducing hospitalisation

To understand the efficacy of the two vaccines largely being used in India's programme against Covid-19, ICMR last week, as reported by this newspaper, started examining their role in reducing hospitalisation and deaths in real world settings

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A first genomic study of breakthrough infections in India, conducted at AIIMS, Delhi, during the peak of the second Covid-19 wave, has confirmed that the disease in those vaccinated is a rarity. It also showed that despite high viral dose and acute symptoms, none of the vaccinated persons succumbed to the disease.

A total of 63 breakthrough infections — mainly in healthcare workers at the hospital — had been seen at the tertiary care centre in April and May, indicating that they needed hospital care and were examined as part of the study done by researchers at AIIMS and CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology.

The results have been published in the paper "Genomic analysis of symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 vaccine breakthrough infections from a tertiary care centre in India".

Of the 63 cases analysed, 36 patients had received two doses of vaccine and 27 one. In all, 10 patients had received Covishield and the rest Covaxin.

"Our study has found that while breakthrough infections may be rare but are a reality mainly due to variants of concern and vaccines may be playing a significant role in reducing mortality," said a scientist associated with the CSIR-Institute of Integrated Biology, who is a co-author of the paper.

Viral load at the time of diagnosis was high in all patients irrespective of vaccination status or type of vaccine received and the initial phase of disease

with high-grade non-remitting fever lasted for five to seven days in the vaccinated group, similar to the clinical presentation in unvaccinated patients.

In the 63 cases, including 36 who received full doses, there were no reports of mortality even though almost all cases witnessed unremitting fever for 5-7 days, the study added.

The examined cases closely overlapped and mirrored the Covid-19 cases in Delhi and the variants of concern B.1.617.2 and B.1.1.7 comprised the majority, but the proportions were not significantly different in comparison with the population prevalence of the variants during the period, according to the researchers.

While a number of vaccine breakthrough infections have been reported previously, it has

been largely associated with non-severe symptoms.

The researchers also said that during the subsequent course of illness, neither disease worsening nor mortality was reported in the studied group, confirming the previous observations. "While antibody levels for a subset of patients were available, they became infected nevertheless and presented to the emergency like other patients, putting in doubt the protection offered and or clinical relevance of total IgG as a surrogate of Covid-19 immunity," their paper said.

An observational study at Delhi's Indraprastha Apollo Hospital last month had also shown that vaccines are effective with vaccine breakthrough occurring in a small percentage of vaccinated persons.

SC RULING

Dua verdict relief for others facing charges of sedition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH the Supreme Court quashing the FIR on sedition and other charges against senior journalist Vinod Dua, many journalists who have been at the wrong end of this law can expect relief on similar grounds.

According to legal experts, Thursday's ruling will come as a relief for journalists facing sedition cases. Interestingly, another bench of the Supreme Court has already issued a notice on a set of other petitions to examine the interpretation of the sedition law, particularly in the light of media rights and freedom of speech.

"Today's judgement will be a precedent for other pending cases. Moreover, the court in previous cases had decided to examine the law which will directly impact the ongoing cases. It will be interesting to see if the court examines the law clause by clause so that enough checks and balances will be in place and its misuse can be minimised," said Supreme Court advocate Ashish Singh.

Section 124A of the IPC describes sedition as punishable with imprisonment from three years to a lifetime, a fine, or both. Uttar Pradesh has filed over 22 sedition cases in the wake of a sexual assault in Hathras last year. Among them is Kerala-based scribe Siddique Kappan.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), conviction rate in sedition cases was 3.3 per cent in 2019. Earlier this year, such cases were filed against journalists Mrinal Pande, Rajdeep Sardesai, Vinod Jose, Zafar Agha, Paresh Nath and Anant Nath for sedition, among other charges, after the farmers' tractor rally in Delhi on Republic Day. The top court has stayed the arrest of all of them.

Two journalists from Manipur were slapped with NSA and sedition charges. In 2018, Law Commission of India stated that for expressing a thought not in consonance with the government's policy a person should not be charged under sedition.

Major players in talks for Make in India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FOREIGN Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said that India was in talks with manufacturers abroad for local manufacturing of Covid-19 vaccines and that the Ministry of External Affairs is making all efforts to increase supplies, especially from the US.

"We are also part of the discussions with major vaccine manufacturers like Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson and Moderna about sourcing and possible local manufacturing of

their vaccines in India. We have also helped expedite the introduction of Sputnik V vaccines," Shringla said during an address at the WHO's South-East Asia Regional Health Partners' Forum.

Saying that India was fighting an exceptional second wave of the pandemic, the foreign secretary said that MEA has been working to ease regulatory disruptions to the supply chains.

India's vaccine manufactur-

ing hit a hurdle last year the US in February last year invoked the Defence Production Act for vaccine ingredients. According to the act, all the resources in the US must be prioritised for Americans first.

India has been demanding easier access to raw materials necessary for vaccine production. Shringla also said India would create global scale capacities needed to tackle the pandemic. "A number of serious global conversations are under-

way on this in platforms such as the G7, G20, Quad, BRICS, the UN and the WTO itself."

Meanwhile, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India is engaged with the US administration to ensure that necessary components and raw materials for vaccine production in the country are readily available. "This was taken up recently during the External Affairs Minister's US visit," he said. India was also awaiting US allocations from its surplus stockpile of 80 million Astra Zeneca vaccines, he added.



THE PERFECT SHOT

Beneficiaries seem to be enjoying their sessions, at a vaccination centre in Moti Lal Nehru Medical College in Prayagraj on Thursday | PTI

SC asks CBSE and ICSE to furnish XII assessment parameters in two weeks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday asked CBSE and ICSE to place on record in two weeks parameters to be used to assess students of Class XII after the cancellation of exams.

A bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar and Dinesh Maheshwari said it is happy to note that the government has taken a decision to cancel the Class XII board exams.

"But we want that the objective criteria fixed for assessment of marks be placed before us," the bench said, while clarifying that a longer dura-

tion for furnishing the evaluation criteria cannot be granted as many students are looking to take admissions in colleges in India and abroad.

The top court said it will go through the objective parameters for the assessment of marks so that if anyone has objections, they can be addressed. "This is equally important as the relief sought by the petitioners seeking cancellation of board exams," the bench observed.

The Centre on Tuesday cancelled the CBSE Class XII board exams, bringing relief to students and parents as the

country continues to battle the coronavirus pandemic. ICSE had followed suit.

Name change approved

The court also said right to identity is a part of freedom of expression and said students can seek change of names in their school certificates. The bench delivered the verdict on petitions challenging the CBSE by-law which prohibits students from correcting names in school certificates. The top court said CBSE by-laws refusing name correction is not valid and asked the central board to amend those.

Modi's conversation with Kamala Harris

PM Narendra Modi and US Vice President Kamala Harris had a conversation on Thursday, during which the US officially conveyed to India about vaccines being sent under its Global Strategy for Vaccine Supply. "Spoke to @VP Kamala Harris. Deeply appreciate the assurance of vaccine supplies to India as part of the Strategy for Global Vaccine Sharing. Thanked her for support and solidarity from the US government, businesses and Indian diaspora," The Indian PM tweeted.

desh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Maldives, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Taiwan and the Pacific Islands.

"The US will be the world's arsenal of vaccines in our shared fight against this virus. In the days to come, as we draw on the experience of distributing the vaccine announced today, we will have more details to provide about how future doses will be shared. We will continue to do all we can to build a world that is safer," Biden said.

EXPRESS READ

Ministry helpline advisory for channels

New Delhi: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has issued an advisory to all private general entertainment TV channels to promote awareness of national helplines by using tickers. The ministry has advised channels to promote the national helplines of 1075 (national helpline number), 1098 (child helpline number), 14567 (for senior citizens) and others.

Parents of kids below 12 priority in MP

Bhopal: Parents of children below 12 years will be administered Covid-19 vaccines on priority in Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on Thursday. Madhya Pradesh becomes the second BJP-ruled state after adjoining Uttar Pradesh to prioritise parents of children below this age for vaccination against the killer viral infection.

Vaccination comes to halt for 18-plus in Rajasthan

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

VACCINATION has stopped in Rajasthan for the 18-plus group due to shortage of doses. On May 29, 1.25 lakh vaccines were bought for this age group. But that has been spent already. The quota from any other age group category has not been diverted to the group, government sources said.

Officials said it might be difficult to get anyone vaccinated for the next six days in the 18-plus category as there is no information from either the manufacturing companies or the Central government on the supply of the vaccine.

Dr Raghuraj Singh, Project Director of the Vaccination Campaign in Rajasthan, said the government had already used more doses than it received for the 18-plus age group. "Vaccination has stopped at all places. Today in

Uttarakhand way behind vaccination target

Uttarakhand is way behind in fully vaccinating its 18-plus population by December 2021, the national objective. To vaccinate an estimated 66 lakh population in the 18-plus category, Uttarakhand needs to administer at least 49,000 doses per day. Anoop Nautiyal of the Social Development for Communities Foundation, an organization that has been collating Covid data since March 15, 2020, said: "The state has achieved an average of 21,402 doses per day starting January 16. The state needs a total of 1.32 crore doses."

Jaipur: vaccination of this age group could not take place at any government center," he said. "We have urged manufacturers to provide doses as soon as possible."

Thackeray says 'no' after Cong minister's unlock announcement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

MAHA Vikas Aghadi faced major embarrassment on Thursday, after Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's office had to clarify that no decision had been taken regarding complete unlocking in 18 districts where positivity rate is below 5%.

An announcement of unlocking in 18 districts was earlier made by the Relief and Rehabilitation Minister of the state, Vijay Wadettiwar. Congress minister Wadettiwar had said the state government has taken a decision to unlock in five phases. He had said that districts where the positivity rate is below 5% will not have restrictions anymore.

However, Chief Minister

Thackeray immediately clarified that there had been no such development and issued a note saying that districts where positivity rate is below 5% will continue to be under restrictions. The Chief Minister's Office said that lifting restrictions is under consideration, but no decision has been taken.

Class XII exams cancelled

MEANWHILE, in view of the pandemic situation and rising infections among children, the Maharashtra government has cancelled Class XII exams.

Maharashtra School and Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad said that in anticipation of a potential third wave, the state government has taken the decision of cancelling Class XII

exams this year. "The state government cancelling Class XII exams will bring uniformity in the policy decision. Many students and parents are worried and concerned about their children's health. No one wanted to take a risk by attending the exams. Therefore, this big decision of cancelling the exam was taken in view of student health," Gaikwad said.

She added that her department will prepare guidelines for evaluation of the students on the basis of their previous year's exams and present year's internal and practical exams. "We will ensure no student faces any difficulty. The Central government should declare teaching and non-teaching staff as frontline workers."



A health worker collects swab sample at Mumbai's Dadar railway station | PTI

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	28	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	39	26	Panaji	33	26
Jaipur	36	27	Patna	36	22
Amritsar	38	26	Lucknow	39	25
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	33	26
Kolkata	36	27	Imphal	28	20
Srinagar	26	12	Chandigarh	36	22

BENGAL POTBOILER

BJP withdraws Central security cover for party MLAs in Bengal

Action follows complaints that presence of central force may damage party's image

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE BJP's national leadership has withdrawn the central force protection of more than 100 party MLA and leaders in West Bengal. The decision was conveyed to the Union home ministry on Thursday.

The party made the decision after more than a dozen BJP MLAs refused to accept the protection, saying it would hurt the party's public image. The MLAs said the presence of gun-wielding security personnel around them was damaging the party's people-friendly image.

The party conducted a study into the concerns expressed by the MLAs and found them to be real.

"The visuals of BJP leaders

guarded by central forces while interacting with common people would hurt the party. Bengal voters have not seen an elected representative roaming around with central force personnel around him or her. It contradicts the political picture that the Bengalis have nurtured," a senior BJP leader in Kolkata said.

While addressing election rallies, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee attacked the Centre over the "excessive" use of central force personnel and their alleged "highhandedness" during the eight-phase Assembly elections in the state. After the ruling party secured a landslide victory, the

presence of central forces around the party leaders was causing damage to the saffron camp's image, admitted the BJP leader.

Before the elections, as many as 18 BJP leaders used to get central force protection in the state. The number went up to 168, just ahead of the elections.

The BJP had accorded central force protection to a number of party candidates who defected from the Trinamool Congress.

The protectees were seen doing mundane activities like shopping in local markets with central-force jawans around them.

Academics write to prez over violence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

A group of 115 academicians on Thursday appealed to President Ram Nath Kovind to intervene "urgently to save the members of the scheduled castes who have fled from West Bengal after the conclusion of the Assembly elections".

The letter claimed that hundreds of such people have fled to other states, including Assam, Odisha and Jharkhand, fearing post-violence.

"With the result declaration of the West Bengal Assembly elections on May 2 more than 11,000 and most of them belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes have been rendered homeless and over 40,000 of such people have been affected in 1626 incidents of brutal attacks," read the letter addressed to the President.

"The state-sponsored activists of Trinamool Congress in collaboration with the state police have targeted the SC/ST community and spread the violence of killing, looting, raping, and occupying their land," the letter alleged.

"The SC & ST community being the sufferer of this brutal violence needs an assurance of rebuilding and resettling their plundered houses," the letter noted.

Covid, Bengal politics on agenda as top RSS functionaries meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TOP functionaries of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Thursday went into a huddle in the national capital to brainstorm on a range of issues, including the Centre's response to the pandemic, the party defeat in West Bengal, and the post-election violence in the state.

The meeting is being chaired by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat.

One of the functionaries, who is attending the deliberations, told this newspaper that it is a routine event and internal to the RSS.

However, the meeting is taking place against the backdrop

of the second wave of the Covid-19. One of the functionaries said the RSS will be discussing the impact of the pandemic and the future course of actions, considering that there could potentially be a third wave of the virus this year.

The general secretary of the RSS Dattareya Hosbole, and senior functionaries Manmohan Vaidya and Krishna Gopal will be taking part in the deliberations. Incidentally, Hosbole had been in Lucknow recently, where the BJP's central leadership is holding meetings with the state ministers to find ways to improve the relationship between the state government and the party organisation,

which is said to have been strained in the wake of the second wave of the Covid-19.

RSS leaders have expressed concerns about the political cost of the second wave of the pandemic, which has led to scores of people dying in BJP-ruled states like Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka.

With the RSS having closely followed the West Bengal elections, sources say the discussions may also focus on the reasons for the saffron's camp below-par performance.

The RSS had thrown its weight behind the BJP's attempt to wrest power in the state.

BORDER TENSIONS

It's Pak's responsibility to remove mistrust, says Army chief Naravane

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

ARMY Chief General M M Naravane on Thursday said the responsibility to ensure the continuity of ceasefire between India and Pakistan and to remove the mistrust between the two countries lies solely with Islamabad and asserted that there can be no lowering of guard along the Line of Control (LoC) as terrorist infrastructure and camps are present across it.

He said the Army's role is to bring down the level of violence in J&K and said the Army is ready to ensure the smooth conduct of Amarnath Yatra. "The border ceasefire is holding. The onus to ensure that ceasefire lies with Pakistan. We are willing to observe the ceasefire as long as they do so," General Naravane told media persons during

his second-day visit to the Valley.

Asked whether the Army has lowered the guard along the LoC, he said while a ceasefire is on, militant infrastructure, militant camps, and militants continue to be on the other side of LoC. "Therefore there can be no slackening in our preparedness and alertness."

Asked whether the ceasefire has reduced mistrust between India and Pakistan, the Army chief said, "Trust is a very difficult thing to come by. It takes a very long time to develop. There have been decades of mistrust between India and Pakistan and obviously the situation cannot change overnight".

"However, if they continue to observe the ceasefire, and desist from pushing militants to India, then all small steps will add to building trust," he said.



Schedule was tight: former Bengal chief-secy replies to show-cause notice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

FORMER West Bengal chief secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay on Thursday replied to the Centre's show-cause letter asking him to explain his absence from a cyclone review meeting chaired by the Prime Minister on May 28.

In his reply, Bandopadhyay, who is presently the chief advisor to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, reportedly said he skipped the meeting on her direction to attend another cyclone review meeting in Digha in East Midnapore.

Sources in the state government said Bandopadhyay, who had retired on May 31, the day the Centre asked him to re-



port to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), said the review meeting with administrative officials in Digha was scheduled before the Prime Minister's meeting at Kalaikunda Air Base was announced. He had to attend the review meeting in Digha as the chief secretary of the state.

Bengal voters have not seen an elected representative roaming around with central force personnel around him or her

West Bengal BJP functionary

EXPRESS READ

Autopsy shows jumbos in Assam died of lightning

Guwahati: Assam environment minister Parimal Suklabaidya on Thursday said reports received from different agencies and experts, coupled with findings of the investigation officer, have indicated that the recent death of 18 elephants in a proposed reserve forest was caused by "accidental electrocution due to lightning". Suklabaidya, addressing a press meet here, said the administration made the deduction, after taking into consideration the findings of different agencies.

Three AAP MLAs join Punjab Congress

Chandigarh: Three rebel Aam Aadmi Party MLAs joined the Punjab Congress on Thursday in the presence of Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. It comes as a three-member panel constituted by the Congress high command is meeting leaders of the state party unit and MLAs in a bid to resolve infighting. The three MLAs—Sukhpal Khaira, Pirmal Singh, and Jagdev Singh Kamal—joining the party comes at the right time for CM Amarinder, who is set to meet the panel in New Delhi on Friday.

Ex-officers say new rules may stifle free speech

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

RETIRED officers who had worked in intelligence and security-related organisations reacted to the Centre's new rule to prevent the leakage of sensitive information with cautious optimism.

The amended pension rules that the Centre notified on May 31 prohibit officials retired from certain intelligence and security establishments from writing anything about their organisation without prior permission.

Some officers that the *New Indian Express* reached out to, said the provisions had already existed to punish retired security officers who share sensitive details in their writings, which could jeopardise national security. They say the amended rules were unnecessary and

may stifle their right to free speech.

"This rule comes with a threat of stopping pension. As a retired person, I would have given a dispassionate view on, say the April 4 attack by the Naxals on our forces. But now, with these rules in place, I will not be able to say anything because it will seem like a criticism of the security policy," AK Sood, deputy chief of BSF said.

OP Singh, former chief of CISF, said the new rules seem to be aimed at "retired officials who have written their memoirs and gone into greater details about the security of the country."

"This amendment may deprive the younger generation of officers who learn a lot from the writings of the retired officers," said Singh.



I feel the amendment is aimed at factoring the issues connected with national security and how writings of some retired officers have revealed too much

OP Singh, former chief of CISF



People flout social distancing norms at a market area in Jabalpur after the city relaxed the lockdown on Thursday | PPT

GUARD DOWN

Rift in Bihar NDA over BJP MLC's Nitish jibe

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

TIES between Bihar's NDA allies—JD(U) and the BJP—took a beating after BJP MLC Tunna Pandey called Nitish Kumar a "chief minister of circumstances." The JD(U) has asked the BJP to take action against Pandey.

Pandey had echoed late RJD

MP Mohammad Shahabuddin's comments mocking the CM. "Md Shahabuddin had rightly called aid Nitish Kumar a Chief Minister of the circumstances. Had Nitish wanted, Shahabuddin's body could have been brought to Bihar," Pandey told the media recently. "Mohammad Shahabuddin has been punished for speaking the

truth, he had said after coming to Siwan from Bhagalpur Jail. He had rightly said that Nitish Kumar is the Chief Minister of the circumstances. He was punished for speaking the same truth," Pandey alleged.

Stepping up his attacks, he called the Bihar CM a leader who has not fought any elections.

"Nitish Kumar is, indeed, the chief minister of Circumstances what Md Shahabuddin had said about him long ago. Last time, he was the second number party and this time his party has become of third number party but has become CM and all follow him as a leader. What could be a bigger irony than that," he said.



Police launch campaign to spread Covid awareness

Chhattisgarh Police have launched a campaign to educate the public about the importance of wearing face masks, and how to wear them properly. The police are also distributing masks free of cost to those who don't already have one. More than 5.12 lakh masks were distributed during the week-long #MaskUpRaipur campaign launched by Raipur SSP Ajay Yadav. The campaign is run across 32 police jurisdictions of Raipur. "Wearing a mask is a proven and simple step to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Mask wearing shows you are caring," Yadav said.



EJAZ KAISER

Our correspondent in Chhattisgarh

ejaz@newindianexpress.com

RAIPUR DIARY

Free education for kids who lost parents to Covid

The government of Chhattisgarh has launched a scheme to provide free school education as well as monthly scholarships to children who have lost their parents to Covid-19 and have no one to take care of them. Under the 'Mahtari Dular Yojana', a monthly stipend of Rs 500 has been stipulated for students of classes 1 to 8 and Rs 1000 for students of classes 9-12. The state will bear the tuition expenses of the eligible children, whether they are enrolled in government or private schools. These children will also get priority in admission to the state-run modern Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools. They will also be encouraged to pursue higher education. The scheme will be implemented by the state's school education department.

Panel to meet protesting tribals

A nine-member committee of elected representatives, including eight MLAs and MPs from the Bastar zone, reached Silger on Thursday to interact with the tribal villagers who have been protesting against the setting up of a CRPF camp in south Bastar for the past 21 days. The committee, accompanied by the local administration will gather facts and assess the ground reality. The state government has rejected the demand of agitating villagers. Rather, the state government said it will construct six more camps in the region. Silger and adjoining areas have strong Maoist presence.

DL, RC, RTO services linked to Aadhaar

Chhattisgarh has become the only state in the country to integrate driving license (DL), registration certificate and 20 other services of the transport department with Aadhar card. Under the guidance of CM Bhupesh Baghel, the transport department has set up an advanced centralised system to facilitate the contactless procedures for issuing smart card-based certificates directly to the doorsteps of the people. "The new system will work under the government's 'Tuhar Sarkar, Tuhar Dwar' scheme



4
people were killed after a bomb ripped through a minivan in the western part of Afghan capital Kabul on Thursday

GLOBAL WEATHER	Beijing 30	16	SNY	Los Angeles 26	16	SNY
	Colombo 29	26	TDS	Melbourne 13	4	LR
	Dhaka 34	27	TDS	Moscow 23	12	SNY
	Dubai 40	28	SNY	New York 26	18	LR
	Houston 26	21	TDS	Singapore 31	27	TDS
	Istanbul 22	18	LC	Toronto 24	16	TDS
	London 18	11	LR	Washington 27	17	TDS

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

newindianexpress.com

END OF ISRAEL IMPASSE: RIVALS REACH DEAL TO OUST NETANYAHU

In 8-party coalition, Naftali Bennett to be PM, Yair Lapid will take over midway through term

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S Opposition parties on Thursday set the wheels in motion for a potential national unity government after clinching a last-minute agreement to oust Benjamin Netanyahu, the longest-serving prime minister in the Jewish nation's history.

Yair Lapid, leader of the centrist Yesh Atid party, announced an eight-party coalition had been formed after tough political negotiations.

Under a rotation arrangement, the head of the right-wing Yamina party, Naftali Bennett, 49, would serve as the prime minister first before handing over to Lapid.

Lapid, 57, officially informed President Reuven Rivlin and Knesset (Parliament) Speaker Yairiv Levin about the deal late Wednesday night, barely half an hour before the Wednesday midnight deadline.

The announcement came after a series of back-to-back meetings with the leaders of the anti-Netanyahu camp in the 120-member Knesset.

"... I am honoured to inform you that I have succeeded in forming a government... MK (Member of Knesset) Naftali Bennett will serve as a prime minister first," Lapid told Rivlin. "I commit to you Mr President that this government will work to serve all the citizens of Israel including those who aren't members of it," the Yesh Atid party leader said.

Lapid will serve as foreign minister until the two men swap roles halfway through the term. There still needs to be a parliamentary vote before the government is sworn in.

The Israeli president thanked Lapid saying, "We expect the Knesset will convene as soon as possible to ratify the government, as required."

The development, seen by some as historic as it includes an Arab party in the coalition, will break an ongoing political

'Bibi' Roll Call

1996-1999, 2009-2021
Longest serving PM in Israel

Elected in 1996 at the age of 46 as the youngest PM

In his first term, he set about putting the brakes on the Oslo peace process

Uncontested champion of the Israeli right

He began his second term by ramping up construction projects in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank

Netanyahu was indicted for bribery, fraud and breach of public trust in 2019

The trial for the corruption probe opened in 2020

A government like this is a danger to the security of Israel... All legislators elected by votes from the right must oppose this dangerous left-wing government - Netanyahu

Prime Ministers All

1948-1954 David Ben-Gurion
1955-1963 Moshe Sharett
1954-1955 Levi Eshkol
1963-1969 Golda Meir
1969-1974 Yitzhak Rabin
1974-1977, 1992-1995 Menachem Begin
1977-1983 Yitzhak Shamir
1983-1984, 1986-1992 Shimon Peres
1984-1986, 1995-1996 Ehud Barak
1999-2001 Ariel Sharon

2001-2006, 2006-2008 Ehud Olmert



impasse that has seen Israel go through four polls yielding inconclusive results in less than two years.

Lapid's coalition is composed of Yesh Atid, Yamina, Kahol Lavan, New Hope, Labor, Yisrael Beiteinu, Meretz and United Arab List.

Netanyahu, 71, in his first reaction on Twitter said "all legislators elected by votes from the right must oppose this dangerous left-wing government."

The Opposition on Thursday moved quickly to push for a vote for the Knesset Speaker to be replaced as soon as possible.

The move to replace Likud's Yairiv Levin is designed to deny the Speaker the chance to drag

his feet on scheduling a confidence vote on the new government.

In the letter to the Knesset's secretary-general, the Opposition bloc asked that a vote to replace Levin with Yesh Atid MK Mickey Levy as Speaker be placed on the agenda at the next plenum session, which is set to take place on Monday.

The move underlined fears in the coalition that Knesset members will get cold feet before the government is sworn in, The Times of Israel said.

Meanwhile, Bennett was given full prime-ministerial Shin Bet protection on Thursday morning. The internal undercover security agency said that "in the Shin Bet's capacity to

ensure continued democratic order and securing [vital] individuals, and based on the judgment of the Attorney-General, starting today, the Shin Bet's personal security division will guard MK Naftali Bennett."

If successful in passing the floor test in the Knesset, the new government would save the country from the ignominious spectre of a fifth election since April 2019.

Netanyahu holds the record of being the longest-serving Israeli prime minister, surpassing founding father Ben-Gurion, as he also served a term between 1996 and 1999.

His ouster also results from the coming together of some "friends turned foes" who were ideologically closer to his party but determined to boot him out.

The proposed coalition is unique in the sense that it comprises not only political formations from the Left, Centre and Right but also an Arab nationalist party, a historic development not seen since the establishment of the Jewish state.

The tide started to turn against Netanyahu when Bennett, who has served in the past as his chief of staff and held various portfolios as a minister over the years, made clear on May 24 that he was going to negotiate a coalition deal with Lapid. Netanyahu has accused Bennett of betraying the Israeli right-wing.

If Lapid had not mustered a coalition by Wednesday midnight, the entire Knesset would have had three weeks in which to agree on a new candidate who could muster the support of 61 lawmakers.

In the most recent elections, on March 23, Netanyahu's conservative Likud Party garnered the most seats in the Knesset or parliament. But the Prime Minister was unable to command enough support to control a minimum of 61 seats in Israel's 120-seat parliament. PTI

OFF ITS SHORES

Denmark wants to send asylum seekers outside Europe

COPENHAGEN

DENMARK on Thursday ratcheted up its tough anti-immigration laws by adopting new legislation enabling it to open asylum centres outside Europe where applicants would be sent to live.

The latest move by Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen's Social Democratic anti-immigration government is aimed at deterring migrants from coming to Denmark at all.

Asylum seekers would now have to submit an application in person at the Danish border and then be flown to an asylum centre outside Europe while their application is being processed.

If the application is approved and the person is granted refugee status, he or she would be given the right to live in the host country, but not in Denmark.

The bill sailed through parliament on Thursday supported by a majority including the far-right, despite opposition from some left-wing parties.

The European Commission on Thursday said the Danish plan violates existing EU asylum rules.

Denmark has repeatedly made headlines in recent years with its anti-immigration policies including its official "zero refugees" target, its withdrawal of residence permits from Syrians now that it deems parts of the war-torn country safe and its crackdown on "ghettos" to reduce the number of "non-Western" residents.

The aim of the new law is to establish a legal foundation for the transfer of people seeking international protection in Denmark to a third country, according to the immigration ministry.

Denmark would foot the bill but the processing of asylum requests would be carried out by the host country.

If a person's asylum request is rejected, the migrant would be asked to leave the host country. AFP

Bill to remove country cap on US Green Card introduced in Congress

WASHINGTON

A BIPARTISAN legislation has been introduced in the US House of Representatives to eliminate the per country cap on employment-based Green Card, a move which is likely to benefit Indian IT professionals languishing over decades of waiting for the Permanent Resident Card.

The legislation was introduced by Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and Congressman John Curtis. The Equal Access to green cards for Legal Employment (EAGLE) Act, 2021 needs to be passed by the Senate before it can be sent to the White House for the president to sign it into a law.

A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident

Card, is a document issued to immigrants to the US as evidence that the bearer has been granted the privilege of residing permanently.

Indian IT professionals, most of whom are highly skilled and come to the US mainly on the H-1B work visas, are the worst sufferers of the current immigration system which imposes a seven per cent per country quota on allotment of the cov-

The 7% ceiling

Indian IT professionals are the worst sufferers of the current immigration system which imposes a 7% per country quota on allotment of the Green Card or permanent legal residency

eted Green Card or permanent legal residency.

The bill phases out the seven per cent per-country limit on employment-based immigrant visas. The bill also raises the seven per cent per-country limit on family-sponsored visas to 15 per cent. "We all know that our immigration system is severely broken and it has been broken for decades," said Lofgren, Chair of the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

The basic framework for allocating immigrant visas dates back to the middle of the 20th century and was last seriously updated in 1990, when the Congress established the worldwide numerical limits on visas and the 7% per-country cap that still exists today. PTI

Talk of Trump rerun builds as legal pressure intensifies

WASHINGTON

DONALD TRUMP was calling into yet another friendly radio show when he was asked whether he's planning a comeback bid for the White House. "We need you," conservative commentator Dan Bongino told the former president. "Well, I'll tell you what," Trump responded. "We are going to make you very happy, and we're going to do what's right."

It was a noncommittal answer. But multiple people who have spoken with Trump and his team in recent weeks say such remarks shouldn't be viewed as idle chatter.

Instead, they sense a shift, with Trump increasingly acting and talking like he plans to mount a run as he embarks on a more public phase of his post-presi-

dency, beginning with a speech on Saturday in North Carolina.

The interest in another run, at least for now, comes as Trump has been consumed by efforts to undo last year's election, advancing baseless falsehoods that it was stolen and obsessing over recounts and audits that he is convinced could overturn the results, even though numerous recounts have validated his loss. He's also facing the most serious legal threat of his career: New York prosecutors have convened a grand jury to consider evidence in their probe into his business dealings. Trump has slammed the probe as "purely political," and those around him insist he isn't concerned about the legal exposure even as they suggest his political posture is evolving. AP



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
P.H. CIRCLE, NAYABAZAR, CUTTACK-753004
Ph.-0671-2440841, Fax- 0671-2440841/ E-mail : sephctc@gmail.com
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
C-349 Invitation For Bids (IFB) No.SEPHCTC-01/2021-22 Dtd.31.05.2021

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost (Approx)
1.	Construction of 5.00 MLD Intake Well, 1.00 lakh ltr capacity ESR inside Sub-Division, Hospital Campus and laying of pipe line in newly developing areas in different wards with other ancillary works under Athagarih NAC.	₹286.44 lakh

1. Date & time of availability of bid :- 11.00 hours of dt.08.06.2021 to 17.30 hours of dt.22.06.2021
2. Last date / time of receipt of :- 22.06.2021 upto 05.30 P.M. bids in the portal
3. Date & time of opening of bids :- 23.06.2021 at 12.30 P.M.
4. Name and address of the :- The Additional Chief Engineer, P.H. Circle, Nayabazar, Cuttack-753004, Odisha, Ph. (0671)2440841, email: sephctc@gmail.com
Further details can be seen from the web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in
Sd/- Addl. Chief Engineer,
P.H. Circle, Cuttack OIPR- 13029/11/0001/2122

Education. Goals. And game changing decisions.

Every Monday with THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

edex YOUR LIFE COACH

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) | CIN : L5110TN2014PLC09792
Registered Office : KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax : +91 44 4564 4022

Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	26691029	Home Loan	1. Dipak Naval Chavan 2. Pragati Dipak Chavan	10.05.2021	INR 13,99,616.38/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Admeasuring Area 1000 Sq. Ft., 92.93 Sq. Mtrs., From Out Of Gram Panchayat Approval Layout Private Plot No. 31, In The Scheme Known As "purple Touch Phase - III" From Out Of Land Admeasuring Area 01 Hectar 49.80 R Out Of Larger Land Admeasuring Area 01 Hectar 49.80 R Out Of Larger Land Admeasuring Area 01 H. 22r. Plus Potkharaba Admeasuring Area 00 H. 81r. Totally Admeasuring Area 02 H. 03 R. Assessment Of Rs. 01=10 Paise From Out Of Survey No. 44/7, Situate, Lying And Being At Revenue Village Lohagaon, Taluka- Haveli, District- Pune, And Within The Limits Of Zilla Parishad Pune, Taluka Panchayat Samiti Haveli, Grampanchayat Lohagaon And Within The Jurisdiction Of Sub-registrar Haveli, Pune, And Bounded As : East: 18 Ft. Internal Road/ South: Private Plot No. 32, West : Private Plot No. 33, North : Private Plot No. 30

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited). Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 04.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Traffic Engineering Cell) Road Infrastructure, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002.
No.: EE/TEC/R/TEND/02/2021-22 Date: 03.06.2021

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (REP)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, (TEC), Road Infrastructure, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the work of "Operation, Maintenance of Asphalt Batch Mix Plant & equipment including Production / Manufacturing of Asphalt Mixes, supplying of Asphalt mixes to various designated locations in BBMP limits and laying of asphalt mixes by Mechanical / Manual means (as the case may be) by utilizing the available facilities of BBMP Asphalt Batch Mix Plant at Sy. No. 50, Kanna Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East for a period of 3 years and extendable to another 2 years on performance basis."

EMD Declaration : as per FD order No. FD 675 exp-12/2020. Dtd. 22.12.2020. 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from 04.06.2021 onwards. 2) Pre-bid Meeting : 08.06.2021 at 3.00 p.m. 3) Last date & time for submission of proposals: 11.06.2021 upto 4.00 p.m. 4) Date of opening of Technical Proposals: 14.06.2021 at 4.00 p.m. 5) Date of opening of Financial Proposals: will be intimated to the qualified tenderers. Further details can be accessed from GOK e-procurement website : <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-Executive Engineer, (TEC), Road Infrastructure.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing Maintain Hand Hygiene

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Ele), Yalahanka Zone, Amruthahalli Cross, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore.
No: BBMP/EE/ELE/YZ/TEND/01/2021-22 Date: 03.06.2021

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - ITT (KW-1, 2, 3)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Single Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, (Elect) Yalahanka Zone, invites Item Rate Tenders in accordance with KPPP Rules 2000 & 2017 from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/KPWC/CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any other equivalent Central/State Government organizations for the work of O & M of Street Lighting System in Yalahanka Zone, BBMP as detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Approx. Value of Work (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-08 Package Y-8 of Yalahanka Zone.	49.30
2.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-09 Package Y-9 of Yalahanka Zone.	49.90
3.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-03 & 04 Package Y-12 of Yalahanka Zone.	32.50

EMD (in ₹.) As per FD-675 Exp-12/2020, Dt:22.12.2020

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from 07.06.2021. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 06.07.2021 upto 4:00 pm and Technical Bid/Tender Shall be Opened on 08.07.2021 at 4:00 pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Yalahanka Zone

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing Maintain Hand Hygiene

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RASHMI RAVINDRAN, R/at No. 119/3, First Floor, Andanappa Circle, Thotadaguddahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 073, have changed my name from RASHMI B.K. to RASHMI RAVINDRAN vide affidavit dated 03.06.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary Veena K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SOIL.P, Spouse of No. JC-313946K NB/SUB Jabalal Joe.L, residing at House No. 1/1/68/A, Vill & Post: Kollem Code Taluk: Vilivam Code, Dist: Kanya Kumari, State:Tamil Nadu, PIN:629160, have changed my name from SOIL.P. to SOIL.P. vide affidavit Dated 20/05/2021 sworn before Notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RINKY D/o Sri Suresh & Smt. Vimala Devi, aged 23 years, Residing at No.28, 'K' 4th Street, Markham Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru - 560025, my name is appearing as RINKY in all my official records. In Further I have changed my name as PINKY vide affidavit dated 24.05.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary Jain Swarna Mala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RINKY D/o Sri Suresh & Smt. Vimala Devi, aged 23 years, Residing at No.28, 'K' 4th Street, Markham Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru - 560025, my name is appearing as RINKY in all my official records. In Further I have changed my name as PINKY vide affidavit dated 24.05.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary Jain Swarna Mala, Bangalore.

Your Guide to Spicy living
INDULGE
Every Friday with THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

At least 3 local telecom gear cos to get PLIs: DoT

Govt expects ₹3,000 crore to be invested through the scheme over the next 5 years

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

THE Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on Thursday issued operational guidelines for telecom gear companies looking to take advantage of the Union government's ₹12,195-crore performance linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the sector. According to the DoT, at least three out of the ten eligible applications to be approved in the non-MSME category will have to be domestic entities. The registration process for the scheme will begin on Friday and remain open for 30 days till July 3.

The government expects the scheme to encourage production of telecom equipment worth ₹2.44 lakh crore over a period of five years, create 40,000 indirect and direct jobs, and generate a tax revenue of about ₹17,000 crore. Around ₹3,000 crore is expected to be invested through the scheme. "The scheme is open to both MSME and non-MSME companies including domestic and global companies. Also, manufacturers with products with Indian technology are encouraged to apply," the DoT said. Out of the ₹12,195 crore allocated for the scheme, ₹1,000 crore is for MSME firms.

According to the guidelines, investments made by successful applicants in India from



April 1, 2021, up to financial year 2024-2025 shall be eligible for the scheme, subject to qualifying incremental annual thresholds. The scheme becomes effective on April 1, 2021, and support under the scheme shall be provided for a period of five years to successful applicants—from FY22-26.

Applicants will also have to satisfy minimum revenue criteria for eligibility and can decide to invest in one or multiple eligible products. "The scheme stipulates a minimum investment threshold of ₹10 crore for MSME and ₹100 crore for non-MSME applicants.

Land and building costs will not be counted as investment. Eligibility shall be further subject to Incremental Sales of Manufactured Goods (covered under Scheme Target Segments) over the base year (FY2019-20)," the DoT statement said. The department will grant approvals to 10 eligible applications each in the MSME and non-MSME categories.

Distressed airlines stare at \$4.1 bn loss in FY22

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AIRLINES in India are set to incur consolidated loss of \$4.1 billion in the ongoing fiscal due to the havoc caused by Covid-19, aviation consultancy firm CAPA said in its FY22 Airline Outlook. Additionally, they will need about \$5 billion of recapitalisation to survive from the pandemic that has reduced air traffic by as much as 90 per cent in recent weeks.

"We expect that Indian airlines will lose a consolidated

\$4.1-billion in FY22, similar to that in FY21. This will take total losses over the two years to around \$8 billion as a result of the two Covid waves," CAPA said in the report. It estimates full-service carriers to contribute as much as \$2.1 billion in the total losses this fiscal, while the budget carriers would account for the remaining \$2-billion.

Company wise, national carrier Air India and leading player IndiGo together will repre-

sent around \$4.5 billion of the combined \$8 billion loss.

What's more worrying is that the industry is likely heading into a higher-cost environment with crude prices hitting record levels and currency depreciation. Airport charges are also expected to be a potential challenge, the report said. On the much hyped Air India sales, CAPA said that the government's intention to exit the national carrier is the right

strategy but must be pursued aggressively. However, the reality is that short-listed bidders may find it difficult to prepare bids in the current environment. "Given the market conditions, an investor is faced with the prospect of close to \$20bn of liabilities before the business turns around after say FY25. The government must keep this massive financial burden in mind and consider making changes to the terms and conditions," it said, adding that the government

must have a Plan B in place now, which can be immediately operationalised if required.

Meanwhile, CAPA said if the Air India divestment does not proceed, the Indian aviation sector may emerge from the pandemic with more airlines. It is possible that 1-2 start-ups may be launched, resulting in 8-9 carriers in total, it added.

Domestic air passenger traffic in FY22, CAPA said, is likely to be at 80-95 million, up from 52.5 million in FY21 but still below pre-pandemic levels.

Hiring activity plunges 16% since March: Naukri

BISMAL MALIK @ Bengaluru

HIRING activity across sectors including hospitality, retail as well and banking have seen a 16 per cent drop since March 2020, data from Naukri.com showed. In April, overall hiring activity registered a 15 per cent decline over the previous month, while the figures remained flat (-1%) for May. Even as recruitments in May showed a growth compared to the pandemic year of 2020, a majority of the sectors except IT/ITES are yet to reach pre-pandemic levels of hiring activity, the report added.

Hospitality was the worst

impacted sector in terms of hiring in May, according to the latest Naukri JobSpeak report. IT and edtech, however, onboarded employees during the pandemic with a 7% and 14% rise in recruitments, respectively, in May. Job recovery for the IT/ITES industry has grown even compared to pre-Covid levels (up by 39% since May 2019), amid aggressive push for digitisation.

"Even though the hiring activity declined by 15 per cent in April over March this year, we see hiring turning flat in May, signaling resilience and recovery. With the year 2021 seeing a strong wave of hyper-

HIRING ACTIVITY	
Sectors	May 2021*
Hospitality	(-) 41
IT	14
Education/ training	7
Retail	(-) 20
Banking Finance	(-) 15
FMCG	(-) 13

* month-on-month % change

digitisation, the IT sector continues to drive hiring," Pawan Goyal, Chief Business Officer, Naukri.com, said.

The survey based on the job listings on the portal showed that there was a sequential de-

cline in hiring also for sales/business development (-20%), Production/Quality (-22%) and Purchase/Logistics (-14%) professionals. Notably, the demand for mid-senior positions picked up as compared to freshers, as per the report. Hiring activity for professionals with 8-12 years' of experience and over 16 years' experience grew sequentially in May 21. This indicates that organisations are preferring experienced professionals to steer them through these turbulent times. Adversely, the 0-3 years' experience band has been seeing a consistent drop for the past few months.

Uttam Galva lenders approve ArcelorMittal arm's ₹4,000 cr bid

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE committee of Creditors (CoC) of Uttam Galva Steel has approved AM Mining India Private Ltd's bid for the distressed steel company by 100 per cent vote share. The successful bidder is a subsidiary of ArcelorMittal Group.

Galva Steels has been undergoing insolvency process since the insolvency application moved by the State bank of India was admitted by the Mumbai bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in October 2020.

According to sources close to the development, the ArcelorMittal arm has agreed to pay around ₹4,000 crore for the Mumbai-based steel manufacturer as against claims of over ₹21,000 crore. Of this, bankers and other financial creditors had a claim of ₹9,232, while over ₹11,000 crore claims came from operational creditors, which include vendors, employees, etc.

ArcelorMittal India Private Ltd had the largest share in the ₹9,232 crore claims made

by the financial creditors.

It had submitted claims of ₹6,476 crore including accrued interest. ArcelorMittal, which once held 29 per cent stake in Uttam Galva Steels, had extended ₹5,285 crore in debt to corporate debtor. As many six companies including JSW Steel, JSPIL and Vedanta had submitted their expression of interest. However, only AM Mining India had submitted a resolution plan.

The CoC took less than 270 days after the admission of insolvency application to approve the resolution plan. "The process went through smoothly without much litigation. Though there are a few petitions pending against the resolution process, we managed to get the approval of the CoC," says Milind Kasodekar, the resolution professional in the case. Now, the resolution plan would be presented before the NCLT for final approval. This is ArcelorMittal group's second biggest purchase through insolvency process. It was the successful bidder for Essar Steel for ₹41,000 crore in 2019.



Crucial buyout

This is ArcelorMittal group's second biggest purchase through IBC after it had acquired Essar Steel and its subsidiary Odisha Slurry Pipeline Infrastructure in March 2019 and March 2020 respectively.

NITI Aayog shortlists PSU banks for privatisation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER months of deliberations, the Niti Aayog on Thursday submitted a recommendation on candidates for bank privatisation to Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment.

"Yes we have received a recommendation from the Niti Aayog. But, the list is not final. It needs to be discussed further," a senior official from the finance ministry confirmed it.

Following the clearance from the Core Group of Secretaries, headed by the Cabinet Secretary, the finalised names will go to Alternative Mechanism (AM) — the panel for strategic disinvestment — for its approval and eventually to the Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister for the final nod. Changes on the regulatory side to facilitate privatisation would start after the Cabinet approval. While the official re-

fused to divulge the names of the candidates at this point in time, multiple reports suggest that Bank of Maharashtra and Indian Overseas Bank are likely to be among the candidates.

Niti Aayog was entrusted with the task to identify the government-owned banks and insurance companies that can be made private. The government is targeting to privatise these state-owned banks by FY22, as part of the govern-

ment's massive disinvestment process aimed at raising funds. The government has a plan to raise ₹1.75 lakh crore in the current financial year through disinvestment. However, given the Covid situation, this target seems far-fetched. In FY21, the government could raise only ₹32,000 crore. According to Budget 2021-22, the Centre is looking to privatise two public sector banks and one general insurance company.

SAIL's second Covid Care unit inaugurated

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan dedicated a 200-bed Covid Care hospital set up by state-run Steel

Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) at its Durgapur Steel Plant. This is the second in the series of jumbo Covid-19 care facilities, equipped with gaseous oxygen, being set up by the steelmaker. Fagga Singh Kulaste, Minister of State for Steel, SS Ahluwalia, Member of Parliament from Durgapur, Soma Mondal, Chairman, SAIL and other senior officials were present.

C Pattabhi takes over as Airport director, KOL

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has appointed C Pattabhi as airport director of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Airport, Kolkata. Pattabhi will succeed Kaushik Bhattacharjee who superannuated in April 2021. Before joining Kolkata, Pattabhi headed the Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad. An Engineering graduate, Pattabhi has got 30 years of vast experience in various fields of the aviation sector. Currently, he will oversee upgradation and development of the Kolkata airport.

Fully vaccinated model village in Puducherry

S R Patchaiappan, a senior operator, Sundram Fasteners Ltd along with five other workers have played a key role in the 'Covid-free villages' programme in Puducherry. Lack of motivation kept people in Pudukuppam away from getting inoculated, which prompted the team of five—all vaccinated with both the shots—to educate the people aged 45 and above on vaccination with their first-hand experience. As a result, the pace of vaccination picked up, paving the way for the government to vaccinate the next batch i.e. 18-45 years. Now, Pudukuppam has become a model village which has achieved 100 per cent vaccination in Puducherry. Lt Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan appreciated the team.

Business & Beyond

RCF rolls out 15 coaches of 3-tier AC economy class

The Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala, has rolled out 15 coaches of 3-tier AC economy class. These coaches will be attached in various mail and express trains. Additional berths have been provided in the coach as the number of berths in the new coach has been increased from 72. The prototype of this class was rolled out from RCF on February 10, 2021 for oscillation trials in just three months after its inception. According to the national transporter, this AC 3-tier economy class is expected to offer an air-conditioned, convenient, affordable, and pleasant travel experience to passengers.



SBI Chennai Circle gets new chief



R.Radhakrishna assumed charge as the new chief general manager of SBI Chennai Circle. He earlier served as GM CCGRO Bengaluru. The circle which covers the entire Tamil Nadu and Puducherry has 1,243 branches under its jurisdiction, said a statement.

Nissan contributes over ₹ 6.5 crore towards Covid relief

Nissan India has contributed ₹2.2 crore to the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Relief Fund, ₹25 lakh to the Tamil Nadu CM Relief Fund and over ₹ 4.3 crore for Covid-19 relief equipment, masks, PPE kits etc. Additionally, in partnership with the World Community Service Centre, Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt. Ltd distributes cooked food packets to migrant workers and the needy to solve the rising hunger crisis during the lockdown period. Commenting on the initiative, Rakesh Srivastava, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India said, "Safety & well-being of the society, customers, partners, and employees is paramount. Towards this, multiple initiatives are being taken with the Government authorities & NGOs towards ensuring the same".

EXPRESS READ

Scatec picks up 50% of 900 MW solar plant

Chennai: Norwegian renewable energy major Scatec has picked up 50 per cent of a planned project to build a 900 MW solar power plant in Rajasthan. Scatec said on Thursday that it has entered into a partnership with Indian solar developer ACME to realise the solar power project, which holds a 25-year PPA with the Solar Energy Corporation of India. The project has an estimated capex of \$400 million, with 75% debt financing.

MGNREGA demand zooms again on Covid 2.0

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

THE government's flagship rural employment guarantee scheme, which has helped haul up rural wages and neutralise lockdown-induced consumption shock during the pandemic year, is being put to the test again as the second Covid-19 wave washes over the hinterlands.

Having acted as a saviour for many who lost regular work during the peak months of the first wave and its aftermath, demand for work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) had fallen in March. April and May, however, have seen a rise in this figure with 3.52 crore and 3.61 crore individuals, respectively, demanding work under the scheme. Those demanding MGNREGA work had declined from 3.65 crore in February to 3.36 crore in March, indicating that workers were finding em-

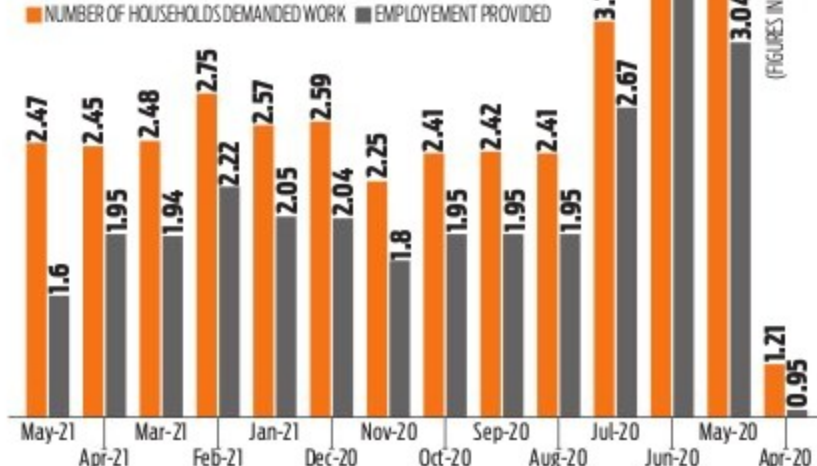
ployment in a recovering economy. Lockdowns enforced to contain the second wave have reversed this trend. While April has seen a sharp 98 per cent rise year-on-year, May figures were lower than during May 2020 (4.8 crore), when the most stringent lockdown had been in effect, data from the MGNREGA portal showed.

While a substantial number of people seek work under the scheme, there is a large demand-supply gap. In May, employment was provided to 1.6 crore households while 2.5 crore had demanded work. During the same month of the previous year, employment was provided to 3.04 crore households while 3.43 crore had demanded work.

A rising trend in demand for rural employment is an indicator of reverse migration and also proportionate labour shortages in industrial units, both in organised and small-scale sectors.



DEMAND-SUPPLY MISMATCH WEAKENS





India No.3 Vaidit Gujrathi has qualified for the FIDE chess World Cup 2021, to be held in Sochi, Russia from July 10 on the basis of his rating. With this, GM Gujrathi becomes the fourth Indian man to qualify for the event. The Nashik-based player joins GMs P Harikrishna, Aravindh Chidambaram and P Niyan as the Indian men to have qualified for the World Cup.

Indian athletes set for Kyrgyzstan, IGP4 unlikely

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

If everything goes as per plan, some of the elite Indian athletes would be travelling to Kyrgyzstan on June 9 or 10 for their first international meet since the pandemic last year. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has started the visa process and are expecting to get it done by June 9 at least.

According to a top AFI official, a select few athletes including the relay teams and shot putter **Tajinder Pal Singh Toor** would be travelling to Kyrgyzstan to participate at T Kolpakova (a Permit Meet and World Athletics category D event) on June 12 and 13. The 4x100m women's team along with the 4x400m women's and men's are expected to participate. None of the above-mentioned teams have qualified.

AFI president Adile Sumariwalla confirmed that a select few athletes would travel to Biskek and then to Kazakhstan

to compete at the Qosanov Memorial in Almaty on June 19-20. Murali Shreesankar, who was planning to compete, has decided to give it a miss because of a minor niggles. He is expected to compete at the inter-state. The team will return to Patiala for the inter-state nationals on June 25-29.

"Our plan is to send a few athletes to Kyrgyzstan and then to Kazakhstan where they would be joined by other athletes," said Sumariwalla. As for visa issues to travel to those countries, he said: "I don't see there should be any visa issues." The AFI had earlier announced that the Indian Grand Prix 4 would be held on June 15, however, as of now they are yet to finalise the venue. The event might not be held if Indian athletes compete in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. According to the AFI chief because of logistical issues, the competition would not be held as of now.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Surprise element for 'different' Oly

Expecting her rivals to read her game, Sindhu says she has been learning new tricks

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

WITH margins between top players negligible, ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu, with the help of her coach Park Tae Sang, has been digging into every detail to add to her game before the upcoming Tokyo Olympics. Sindhu, who bagged a historic silver medal during the Rio Olympics, is expecting a 'different' challenge this time.

Familiar rival Carolina Marin, who recently said that she has a torn ACL, won't be there in Tokyo to defend her title. But Sindhu, who faced the Spaniard during the Rio final, knows there are other strong contenders who could produce magic.

"Everyone from No 1 (ranking) to 10 is very close. There are many good players, you can't take it easy. Everybody will be determined to give their best. Even low-ranked players won't be easy. I have to keep working hard, I just need to be focussed and give my best," she

says, during a media interaction arranged by Sports Authority of India (SAI).

"When it comes to Tai Tzu (Ying), she is a very tricky player. Ratchanok (Intanon) is very skillful. We have to look out for them. Everybody has a different style of play."

Tai Tzu has proven to be a real thorn for Sindhu, leading 13-5 in head-to-head record. But Sindhu will take heart from the fact that she had beaten Tai Tzu in a big event — 2019 World Championships. Intanon, who holds a 6-4 head-to-head record against Sindhu, has also been a tricky customer for the Indian. Sindhu is aware that all those top players would have done their homework and is looking to add a surprise element to her game.

"This is a very good time to improve my skill and technique, which I'm doing now. I think I have improved. It's good that I have got so much time because generally, we don't get so much time. We just go for a tournament, come back and



Everyone from No 1 to 10 is very close. There are many good players, you can't take it easy. Everybody will be determined to give their best.

PV Sindhu, India shuttler

rectify our mistakes and again go for tournaments. So we don't have much time to learn new techniques and new skills. Obviously, it takes time to learn new techniques and skills. So this was the time to learn and I have been using it well. I hope I can use new techniques and skills during the Olympics," the 25-year-old says.

The lanky shuttler is generally in her comfort zone while using her attacking instincts, Sindhu said that she's also working on her defense. "My attacking game is my strength. So I'm also focussing on my defense as my rivals won't let me attack. I have to be prepared for everything."

The last event that Sindhu participated in was the All England Open, where she did well to reach the semifinals. That tournament was held in March. Shuttlers are generally used to heavy periods of activity throughout the year. "It's going to be different. We haven't faced each other for two months. Everybody would be working on improving their skills and techniques."

"Everybody wants to win. For me it's the same. Each point is important, each match is vital. I don't think about the finals. I take it one match at a time," she says, when pointed about her big appetite in big events.

Conway's 200 takes NZ to 378 on Day 2

AP @ London

DEVON CONWAY was run out for 200 on his Test debut as New Zealand were dismissed for 378 in the first Test against England at Lord's on Thursday. England were 111/2 at stumps with opener Rory Burns and skipper Joe Root unbeaten on 59 and 42 runs.

Conway reached his double-century with a pull for six and was out without facing another ball, coming up just short as he sprinted back to the non-striker's end for second run.

The South African-born opener was given a standing ovation at the home of cricket, having made the highest score by a batsman on test debut in England. He broke a 125-year-old record held by former England player K.S. Ranjitsinhji, who scored 154 in Manchester in 1896. **BRIEF SCORES:** NZ 378 (Conway 200, Nicholls 61; Robinson 4/75, Wood 3/81) vs England 111/2 (Burns batting 59).

EXPRESS READ

Hamilton backs Osaka in news conference row

BAKU (AZERBAIJAN): Seven-time Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton called Thursday for more support for young athletes dealing with media duties after four-time Grand Slam champion tennis player Naomi Osaka withdrew from the French Open citing her mental health.

Modest start for Gangjee in Japan

IBARAKI (JAPAN): Indian golfer Rahul Gangjee found himself in danger of missing the cut at the Japan Golf Tour Championship Mori Building Cup as he carded 2-over 74 in the first round on Thursday. He had two birdies against four bogeys.

'IOC still consulting on quarantine rules'

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) is actively consulting with team sports to arrive at a uniform rule when an athlete tests positive for Covid-19 during the Summer Games in Tokyo. This much was revealed to select media by the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) CEO, Thierry Weil. The Frenchman, who was a prominent FIFA official before, also spoke about the importance of the Games to FIH, its reliance on IOC and whether they have a plan 'B' if the Olympics doesn't happen. Excerpts...

On what happens if some-

body in a team tests positive It's not finalised, IOC is still consulting. Will the entire team have to into quarantine? IOC wants one clear rule. But it doesn't mean that if one player tests positive, it's not like the game will be postponed. If you start postponing, it will delay the entire programme.

On importance of the Games to the FIH Clear that it is the best window for our sport to be seen by the wider world. Even more this time I believe there will be more TV viewers than before given people will not travel to

the Games. On the financial side, we get contribution from the Games. All International Federations (IFs) get it. If you look into our financial reports, that's clearly a big part of our income.



On reliance on IOC for revenue...

When I was at FIFA, I was always admiring how the smaller federations were managing their daily business, how they generate revenues and how they run sport with far less revenues than FIFA. I always say the big job is not done by people at FIFA but by people working at smaller federations.

On the income side, it's clear. For FIH, it's crucial. For FIFA, it's good and important to have but it will not mean you have to stop your activities (without IOC money).

On who insures athletes Not 100% sure but I do believe insurance for athletes is done under NOCs.

On hockey at CWG There was a discussion with hockey on the CWG programme. CWG asked us clearly and mentioned to us that hockey is an important part of the CWG and we confirmed to them that we will stay with them.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Djokovic powers ahead

World No 1 Ashleigh Barty limped out of Roland Garros on Thursday. Novak Djokovic, World No 1 in men's section, put up a dominant show....

BIG GUNS ADVANCE

Djokovic remained on course for his 19th Grand Slam title with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over Uruguay's Pablo Cuevas to reach the third round. Roger Federer saw off Marin Cilic for the 10th time in 11 meetings, winning 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 but only after a second set bust-up with umpire Emmanuel Joseph. Top seed Barty, already suffering from a left hip injury, retired injured midway through the second set of her second-round match against Poland's 45th-ranked Magda Linette.



SELECT RESULTS (RD 2)

● **MEN:** M Berrettini (ITA x9) bt F Coria (ARG) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; R Federer (SUI x8) bt M Cilic (CRO) 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (4); 6-2; J Sinner (ITA x18) bt G Mager (ITA) 6-1, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; M Ymer (SWE) bt G Monfils (FRA x14) 6-0, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; D Schwartzman (ARG x10) bt A Bedene (SLO) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; N Djokovic (SRB x1) bt P Cuevas (URU) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

● **WOMEN:** M Linette (POL) bt A Barty (AUS x1) 6-1, 2-2 - retired; S Stephens (USA) bt K Pliskova (CZE x9) 7-5, 6-1; K Muchova (CZE x18) bt V Lepchenko (USA) 6-3, 6-4; E Svitolina (UKR x5) bt A Li (USA) 6-0, 6-4; S Kenin (USA x4) bt H Baptiste (USA) 7-5, 6-3.

DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE OFFICE, BALLARI.
Telephones: 08392-276250 e-mail: dhobellari@gmail.com
NO/ACCTS-2/KKRDB/BS-6AMBULANCEVEHICLES/2021-22/Call-2 Date: 02.06.2021

CALL-2 E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-Tender is invited from eligible bidders for Supply of 10 Nos BASIC LIFE SUPPORT BS-6, TYPE-CC NON A/C AMBULANCE VEHICLES to various health institutions of District Health & Family Welfare Services, Ballari under 2021-22 KKRDB fund in a two cover bid system the details of the same can be viewed from e-procurement portal of government of Karnataka. Last date and time for receipt of E-tender is on dated: 10-06-2021 at 16:00 PM Tender Amount is Rs. 200.00 Lakhs Indent No. DHFWS/2021-22/IND4898/Call-2.

Sd/- Dist Health & Family Welfare Officer, Ballari.

भारतीय अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
भारत सरकार, अंतरिक्ष विभाग Department of Space, Government of India
सिरुवनन्तपुर - 695 547 केरल राज्य, भारत Thiruvananthapuram 695 547, Kerala State, India.
सेल/Phone: 0471-2568451 फैक्स/Fax: 0471-256 8406 E-mail: purchase@iist.ac.in

सार्वजनिक निविदा / PUBLIC TENDER

आईआईएसटी के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में जनसंख्या बहिः स्रोत (आउटसोर्सिंग) के लिए प्रत्यास्थ सेवा प्रदाताओं से मूलभूत निविदाएं (दो भागों में बांटी) आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

निविदा निविदाएं एवं खरीद संहिता निविदा दस्तावेज हमारे वेब साइट www.iist.ac.in/tender/active-tenders में उपलब्ध किया जा सकता है। निविदाएं प्राप्त करने की तिथि 24.06.2021 को 14:00 hrs पर होगी। निविदाएं (नकली की नहीं) आईआईएसटी में आगले दिन अर्थात् 25.06.2021 को 10:30 hrs पर आएंगी।

Sealed tenders (Two Part Bid) are invited from accredited service providers for outsourcing of Manpower in various Areas of IIST.

The tender documents including detailed Terms and Conditions can be downloaded from our website: www.iist.ac.in/tender/active-tenders. The due date of receipt of tender shall be 24.06.2021 at 14:00 hrs. The tender (Technical Bid) shall be opened in the presence of service providers on the next day i.e. 25.06.2021 at 10:30 hrs at IIST.

प्रमुख अधिकारी (Sd/-), उप निदेशक (Grade I), प्रत्यक्ष निविदा, आईआईएसटी के लिए और उनकी ओर से For and on behalf of Director, IIST

तारीख/Date : 04.06.2021

THE NANDI SAHAKARI SAKKARE KARKHANE NIYAMIT, KRISHNANAGAR
POST: HOSUR-586113 TO : BARAHLESHWAR DIST: VILUPPUR (BIJAPUR), KARNATAKA STATE
Tel. No. 08355-280015 Fax No. 08355-280016/280011
Email: nandisugarpao@gmail.com

No. NSSK/Purchase/Indian Coal/ TRGT/178 /2021-2022 Date: 03-06-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF INDIAN COAL & VARIOUS SPARES- REQUIRED FOR VEHICLE OF OUR FACTORY

Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers, authorized dealers and traders for supply of INDIAN COAL and various vehicle spares required for our factory.

The detailed specifications are as under;

Sl. No.	Description of the Materials	Approximate Quantity	EMD Amount
1)	Specification of INDIAN COAL: Carbon : 39.90%, Hydrogen : 2.48%, Oxygen : 6.76%, Nitrogen : 0.67%, Sulphur : 0.38%, Moisture : 10%, Ash : 39.81%, Calorific Value GCV : Minimum 4200 Kcal/kg, Density-Max 900 Kg/m3, Sieve Analysis: 0 to 10mm 10%, 10 to 60mm 10%, 60 to 150mm 80%	10,000 MTs. (Ten Thousand Mts.)	3% on quoted value.
2)	Vehicle Dept. Spares & Job work. 1) Battery, 2) Tyre & Tubes, 3) Tractor spares 4) Cane Harvesting Machine Spares & Hydraulic Hose Pipe with Job works 5) Tipper Job work & Spares.		2% on quoted value.

Tender forms and any other clarifications in this connection may contact the factory office and the interested parties may obtain tender forms on payment of Rs. 1,000/- in the form of Cash or D.D. (of any Nationalised Bank only) in the name of our factory payable at Vijaypur (Bijapur),

Terms and Conditions: 1) Conditional Tender will not be considered. 2) Factory reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders in full or part without assigning any reasons. 3) Your quotations should be alongwith EMD DD Only. 4) Tender forms will be issued from: 07-06-2021 to 21-06-2021. 5) Last date for submission of tender form is 28-06-2021. 6) Date of negotiation will be intimated separately. 7) All the authorized dealers have to provide complete product specifications as mentioned above.

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR Sd/- VICE CHAIRMAN Sd/- CHAIRMAN

STATE HORTICULTURE MISSION KERALA
Phone: 0471-2330856, 0471-2330857
email id: mdshmkerala@yahoo.co.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders invited from Manufacturers / reputed firms in India for Establishing CoE for Vegetables and Flowers at Wayanad, Kerala.

Tender id: 2021_SHM_424852_1
EMD: Rs. 2,00,000/-
Tender fee: Rs. 11900/-
Website: <https://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in>
Mission Director, SHM-K

THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED

Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Madhugiri

Tender Notification no:04-2021-22 Dated:19.05.2021

Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender for Various works under Various Head of accounts of P.R.E. Division, Madhugiri have been published in e portal. Registered and Eligible contractors may submit the bids within 19.06.2021 upto 5.30 pm through e procurement website. For more details Contact Ph. 080-25501216, 080-25501227 or visit <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Madhugiri

DIPR/TUM/71/MCA/2021-22

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing Maintain Hand Hygiene

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
No. GESCOM/CEE/OJEE(IT)/AAE(IT)/AE(IT)-02/2021-22/7864 Date: 01.06.2021

TENDER Notification

1) Description of work : GESCOM/CEE/EE/2021-22/IT09"System Integration for implementation of Web based Total Revenue Management (TRM) system services and big data analytics services in RAPDRP towns of GESCOM on Build Operate Own and Maintenance (BOOM) basis" for GESCOM RAPDRP towns. 2) Amount put to tender (in Rs.) with GST: Rs 21.57 Crore. 3) Contractor Qualifying Requirement : As per tender documents (RFP). 4) Visit e-procurement portal on or After for Bid Documents : 07.06.2021 after 10.30 Hrs. 5) Last date of submission of Queries : 17.06.2021 up to 17.30 Hrs. 6) Pre bid Meeting : 22.06.2021 up to 17.30 Hrs. 7) Last Date & time for receipt of Bids through Electronic Mode only: 07.07.2021 up to 17.30 Hrs. 8) Date & time of opening of Electronic Bid Sheets (Technical Bid) : 09.07.2021 at 10.30 Hrs. 9) Date & time of opening of Electronic Bid Sheets (Price Bid) : 12.07.2021 at 10.30 Hrs. 10) For more information Contact : The Chief Engineer (Electy), Corporate Office, GESCOM Opp. Pariwar Hotel station road Kalaburgi 585102, Karnataka, India Mobile: 9448359004 e-mail: eelcellgescom@gmail.com. 11) Web Site Address : www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., Operations, GESCOM, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/230/MC&A/2021-22

For Electricity Complaints Call 1912 Download URJA MITRA APP

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA POWER DEPARTMENT
No. POWER.113/2020/93 Dated Shillong, the 31st May, 2021.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Expression of Interest (E.O.I.) invited by the Power Department vide No. POWER.113/2020/24 dated 02-11-2020 and subsequently last extended vide No. POWER.113/2020/91 dated 30-04-2021 upto 31-05-2021 for empanelment of reputed firms for Design, Engineering, Installation, Maintenance and Operation upto 40 (forty) years for Hydro/Solar/Wind/Biomass Power Projects on BOOT/DBOT/BOOM/PPA Model having past experience is hereby further extended as follows. Empanelment will be for new and existing incomplete power project on "as-is-where-is" basis.

Sl.No.	Description	Date
1.	Last date of acceptance of queries / comments from bidders	17-06-2021
2.	Issue of response to bidders queries	21-06-2021
3.	Last date of submission of E.O.I	29-06-2021
4.	Opening of E.O.I at 14.00 hours	30-06-2021

The interested bidders / companies can download the E.O.I. document from the website www.meghalayatenders.gov.in free of cost.

All other terms and conditions etc shall remain the same. Parties who have uploaded/submitted their bids earlier may please upload/submit again.

Sd/- (P.S.R.KHARKONGOR)
Chief Technical Adviser (Generation), Power Department, Government of Meghalaya.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, RAICHUR
No.EE/PRED/RCR/DM/E-Tender/2021-22/02 Date:31.05.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

On Turn-key basis Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the following works by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Raichur on the behalf of Governor of Karnataka, from the contractors registered in PRED as per the schedule given below:

1) Issue of Blank Tender Documents from : 14.06.2021, 2) Receipt of completed tender documents : 28.06.2021 up to 4.30 P.M, 3) Technical Bid opening on : 29.06.2021 at 5.00 P.M (If possible), 4) Financial Bid opening on : 02.07.2021 at 11.00 A.M (If possible), 5) Head of Account : RMSA Grant for the year 2020-21

Indent Nos.: Manvi Taluka :84164] Deodurga Taluka : 84162], Lingsugur Taluka : 84163], Sindhanur Taluka : 84165]

Further details can be obtained by logging on the <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Divn, Raichur.

DIP/Raichur/72/MC&A/2021-22

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
No. GESCOM/SEE(Procurement)/EE/AEE-1/2021-22/7793 Date: 01.06.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER Notification

1) Description of work: PC-1133:Manufacture and supply of Double Pole T. C Sets for Mounting Star Rated Distribution Transformers as per GESCOM Specifications. 2) Amount put to tender (in Rs.): 684.27 Lakhs. 3) Contractor Qualifying Requirement: As per tender documents (IFB). 4) Visit e-procurement portal on or After for Bid Documents: 05.06.2021 after 10.30 Hrs. 5) Pre-bid meeting Date 10.06.2021. 6) Last Date & time for receipt of Bids through Electronic Mode only 21.06.2021 up to 17.30 Hrs. 7) Date & time of opening of Electronic Bid Sheets (Technical Bid) : 23.06.2021 at 11:00Hrs. 8) Date & time of opening of Electronic Bid Sheets (Price Bid): 23.06.2021 at 14:00Hrs. 9) For more information Contact Executive Engineer El., Procurement Section, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585 102. Mobil: 9448359006. 10) Web Site Address: www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement), Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585 102

DIP/Kalaburagi/233/MC&A/2021-22

For Electricity Complaints Call 1912 Download URJA MITRA APP

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ZILLA PANCHAYAT BELAGAVI
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHIKODI
SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION [TWO COVER SYSTEM]
Office Phone No: 08338-272131, Email :preckdee@gmail.com

No.PRE/CKD/Db/e-pro/2021-22/359 Date: 03-06-2021

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, State, Item Rate (Technical bids and Financial bids through E-Mode), E-Bids are invited for the following works through standard tender document KW-1, KW-4 (Standard Tender Document) from the eligible Contractors, registered in P.R.E. Department, & with E-procurement registration Bangalore, on "turn-key", basis only

1)	Last date of request for issue of blank E-bid document through e-Procurement Date: Other works	03-06-2021 To 18-06-2021
2)	Bid Closing & submission Date: Other works	18-06-2021 AT 4:00 PM
3)	Tender Opening Date: Other works [Sl.No.10 to 14 Only]	21-06-2021 AT 11:00 AM
4)	Pre Bid Meeting Date [Sl. No. 1 to 9 Only]	16-06-2021 AT 11:00 AM
5)	Technical Bid Opening Date: [Sl. No 1 to 9 Only]	21-06-2021 AT 11:00 AM
6)	Financial Bid Opening Date [Sl. No. 1 to 9 Only]	23-06-2021 AT 11:00 AM

General Works Indent No's 81869, 84181, 84182, 84183, 84185, 84187, 84186, 84188, 84189, 84195, 83459, & 83456
ST Works Indent No's 84193
SC Works Indent No's 84194

For further details, the agencies may contact the office of the undersigned, during office hours, or may visit web site: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Chikodi.

DIP/CGA/RONO.131/21-22

Weather scuttles salvage op as oil leak fears peak

ENVIRONMENT

COLOMBO/CAIRO: Environmentalists in Sri Lanka feared the worst environmental disaster as salvage efforts on a burnt-out ship off the coast of Colombo were hampered by worsening weather. The stern of MV X-Press Pearl sank on Wednesday, hours after a mysterious fire sent Iran's largest frigate to the bottom of the sea in the Gulf of Oman.

While environmentalists and authorities in Sri Lanka were preparing for possible major oil leak from Pearl, authorities in Iran were battling a major fire in a Tehran refinery soon after their flagship Kharg sank.

Authorities said that Pearl's bow, too, was slowly sinking. Environmentalists feared an oil leak would cause even greater degradation to marine life off the coast. The Marine Environment Protection Authority readied oil dispersants and skimmers in case of a leak from the ship, which had 350 tonnes of fuel oil on board when it caught fire two weeks ago, triggering the island's worst maritime environmental disaster, littering beaches with tonnes of tiny plastic pellets. The fears are not unfounded as the ship was carrying 81 containers of dangerous

cargo, including acids and lead ingots.

An Indian coastguard vessel in the area has equipment to deal with any oil slick, according to the Sri Lankan navy, which requested assistance with the operation.

Meanwhile, Iranian authorities suspected sabotage as seemingly unconnected fires sank a frigate and gutted an oil refinery. Coming close on the heels of talks aimed at resurrecting the international nuclear agreement scrapped three years ago by the Trump administration, the role of Israel, which opposes the accord, was not ruled out. Israel has neither confirmed nor denied its role.

The fires come weeks after an explosion at Iran's underground nuclear facility at Natanz, an act that Israel claimed responsibility for. Officials said fire broke out aboard Kharg, which was on a training exercise in the Gulf of Oman. Military and civilian crews battled the fire for 20 hours before the ship sank. No casualty was reported.

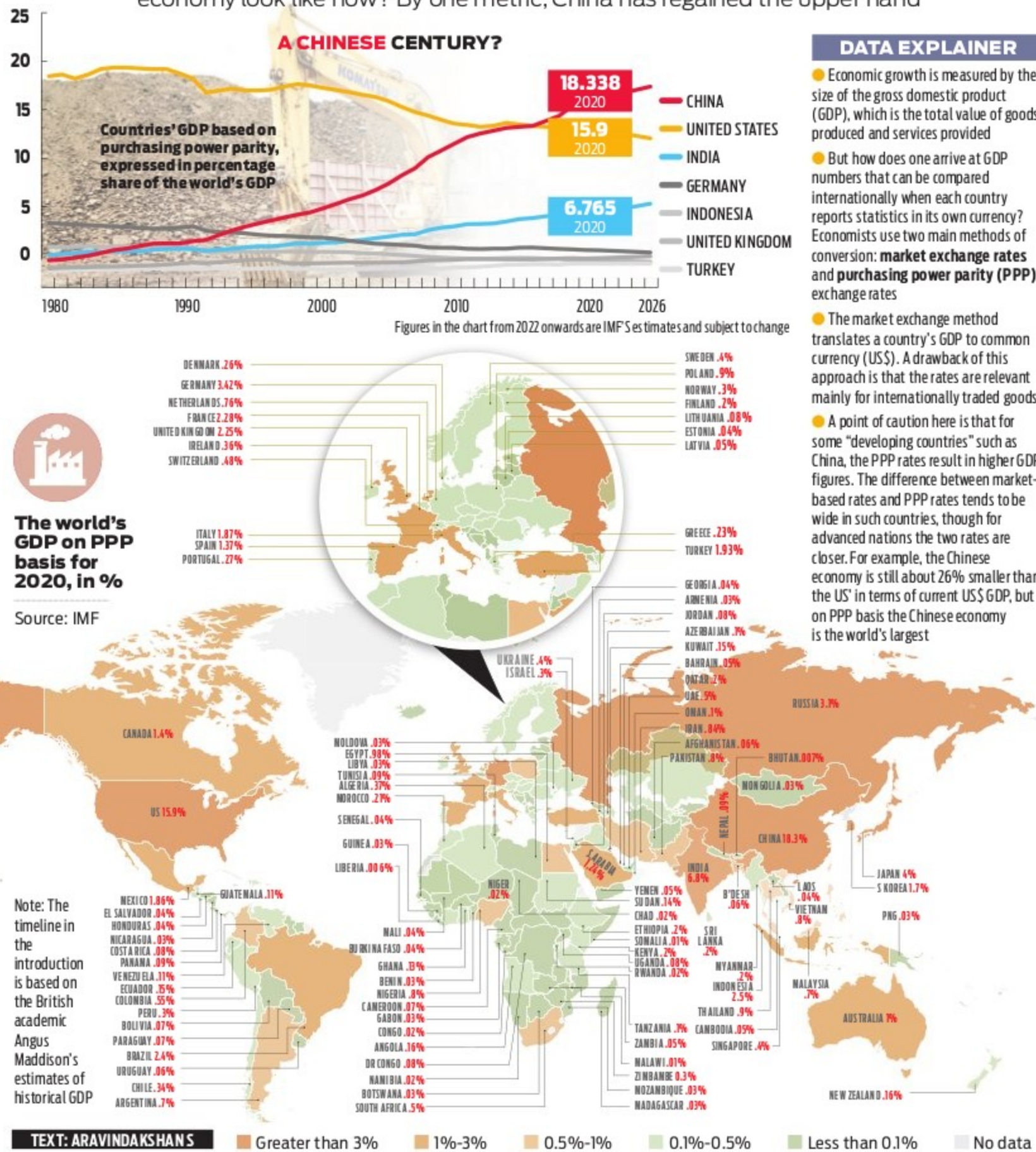
The fire at the Tehran refinery was brought under control by Thursday evening. The blaze broke out on Wednesday after an explosion at the facility caused by a leaking gas pipe that left 11 injured,



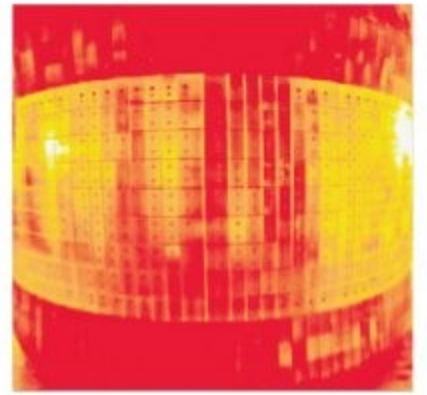
Plastic pellets from the sinking ship littering the Colombo coast | AFP

GLOBAL ECONOMY DRIVERS

In 1 CE, India and China were the world's biggest economies and they retained pole positions till at least 1800 CE. Then over the next 200 years, amidst the Industrial revolution and the ravages of colonialism, the economic centre of gravity began shifting to the West and remained there (with the notable exceptions of Japan and Russia). How does the world's economy look like now? By one metric, China has regained the upper hand



Artificial sun EAST clocks 160 mn °C temperature



TECH

LONDON: China's 'artificial sun' nuclear fusion reactor has set a new world record after running at 120 million°C for 100 seconds. It also achieved a peak temperature of 160 million°C, more than ten times hotter than the sun.

Chinese scientists hope the Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) will unlock a powerful green energy source in Beijing's quest for 'limitless clean power'. The cutting-edge device, which was first fired up last December, broke its previous record of maintaining a plasma temperature of 100 million°C for 100 seconds.

Its next goal could be to run at a consistent temperature for a week, said Li Miao, director of physics department of the Southern University of Science and Technology in Shenzhen. The machine, China's largest and most advanced nuclear fusion experimental research device, uses a powerful magnetic field to fuse hot plasma. It is designed to replicate the nuclear fusion process that occurs naturally in the sun and stars to provide almost infinite clean energy. Located in China's eastern Anhui province and completed late last year, the reactor is often called an 'artificial sun' on account of the enormous heat and power it produces. It is based at the Hefei Institutes of Physical Science of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Global food prices at decade-high levels

FOOD

PARIS: Global food prices jumped to their highest in nearly a decade in May, soaring by 40% from a year ago, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization said on Thursday.

The FAO's food price index has now risen for 12 consecutive months to reach its highest val-

ue since September 2011, driven by the higher costs of vegetable oils, sugar and cereals.

Prices rose by 4.8% from April and by nearly 40% compared to May 2020. The index stood at 127.1 points in May, only 7.6% from its peak value in February 2011, the FAO said. The sharp rise also comes as Covid-19 has thrown millions out of work,

adding to food security fears.

The FAO noted that cereals prices rose "even as world cereal production is on course to reach a new record high". In a separate report, the FAO said it expects a 1.9% rise in cereals production. Despite the increase, it said the global ratio of food stocks to use is expected to decline to 28.1%.



BEATING THE HEAT & VIRUS

An elephant getting a bath at a Rehabilitation Centre in Kerala's Kottur. Calves are being separately taken out for the splash after some jumbos tested positive for Covid-19. Things are returning to normal as three elephants have beaten the virus | VINCENT PULICKAL

Dogs are born to be man's best friend

RESEARCH

WASHINGTON: Dogs are well known for their keen ability to engage with subtle human cues, like following hand signals or immediately recognizing when someone is talking to them. But whether they are born with these talents, or learn over time remained a fuzzy area.

A new study published on Thursday in Current Biology found that genetics play an out-sized role in canines' interactive skills with people.

Emily Bray, a researcher at the University of Arizona and the paper's lead author, told AFP that a key test scientists

use is to see how well animals comprehend human finger-pointing gestures.

Some argued these traits arose as a result of domestication, while others believed that, since dogs live in close contact with humans "they kind of have a front row seat to all our interactions," said Bray.

To resolve this question, Bray and colleagues with Canine Companions, a service dog organization that provided them 375 golden retrievers, labradors and golden retrievers. Over the course of a few years, the team ran a set of tests on the pups when they were just eight weeks old and still living with

their littermates rather than humans. In one, a puppy would enter an area where a treat was available under one upturned cup but not another. Bray initiated the test by saying "Puppy, look!" while making eye contact and pointing at the cup with the treat.

The pups chose the right cup 67% of the time. Another test involved Bray placing a small box next to the container with the treat, and the pups were successful in understanding the clue 72% of the time. The performance did not increase significantly over repeated experiments, reinforcing that the skills are innate.

Africa not quite prepared for 3rd wave: WHO

COVID

JOHANNESBURG: With vaccine deliveries at a near-standstill and lacking key resources in frontline care, Africa is poorly prepared for the third wave of the coronavirus pandemic, the UN warned on Thursday.

"Many African hospitals and clinics are still far from ready to cope with a huge rise in critically ill patients," the World Health Organization's regional director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, said. "The threat of a third wave in Africa is real and rising," she said. Africa has officially registered over 4.8 million Covid-19 cases and 130,000 deaths, according to the WHO, a figure representing 2.9% of global cases and 3.7% of deaths. In a survey last month, the agency found that health facilities and personnel that are crucial for critically ill Covid patients are grossly inadequate in many African countries.

Of 23 countries surveyed, it found that most had less than one ICU bed per 100,000 population and only one-third had mechanical ventilators. "Treatment is the last line of defence against this virus and we cannot let it be breached," Moeti stressed in an online briefing, calling for better equipment for hospital and medical staff. In recent weeks, the continent has seen a rise in infections. The WHO warned in a statement that the pandemic is trending upwards in 14 countries. "In the past week alone, eight countries witnessed an abrupt rise of over 30% in cases," it said. South Africa, officially the most affected country on the continent, has tightened health restrictions and now has more than 1.6 million cases and 56,439 deaths.

In Uganda, the number of cases has jumped 131% in one week with outbreaks in schools and an increase in cases among health workers. Angola and Namibia are also seeing a resurgence. The WHO, in a weekly bulletin, said it had detected an "exponential" rise of cases in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

WORLD JAB COUNT CROSSES 2 BILLION MARK

PARIS: More than two billion Covid-19 vaccines have been given across the world, according to an AFP tally on Thursday drawn from official sources. The milestone comes six months after the first vaccination campaigns against Covid-19 began.

BUY YOUR COPY THIS SUNDAY

THE NEW SUNDAY EXPRESS

'We Live in a World of Illusions'

REVIEW
NAIL BOMBER: MAN HUNT
By the Book, but Timely

The Evil Empire

Canvas of Empathy

ALSO: Engage Astrogaze

Ray Reimagined as Raiment

SADHGURU SPEAKS
A Good Planet, a Good Life

VOICES
Anand Neelakantan
Shinie Antony
Ravi Shankar
J Prabhakar
Amar Bhushan

Romancing the Stone

Immunity's Tribal Affinity

Cooking Up Father